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OF THE

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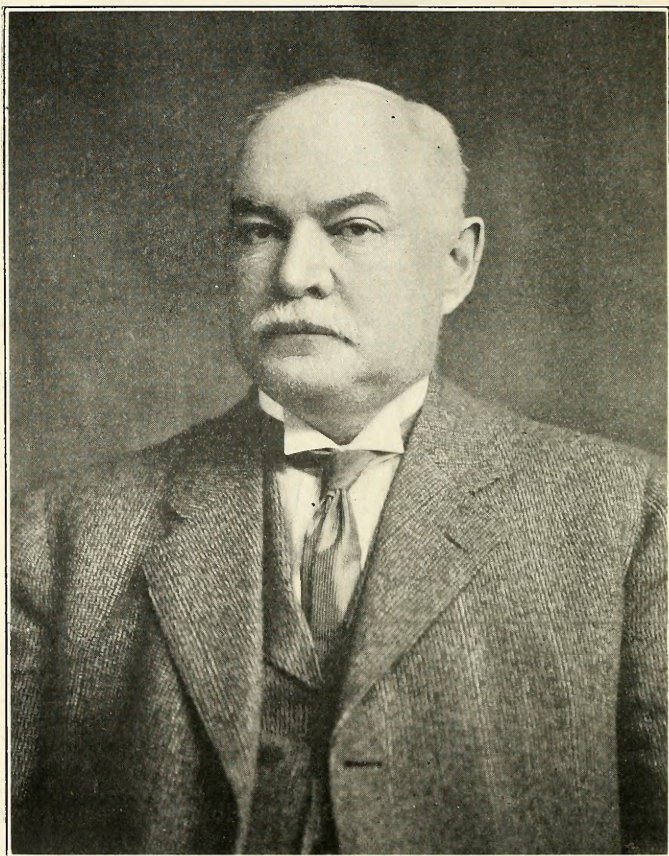
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REMARKS BY THE COMPILER

Of all the puzzling puzzles the compiler of the Atwater History has run across is the connection of Enos Atwater, who left his home in Cheshire, Conn., to commence his domestic career in the south, with his descendants. It has generally been supposed that Enos married and had a son, Titus, who was the father of Moses, who is known to be the ancestor of all the North Carolina branch. An analysis of the situation knocks this supposition to pieces. Enos was born in 1748. When Titus was born is not known. We do know Moses was born before 1780. This leaves thirty-two years between the births of Enos and Moses, not time for an intervening generation.

It seems more probable Titus was a brother of Moses and that both were sons of Enos. It is known there was an Eliphalet (some spell it Elafolet) Atwater, but what became of him nobody knows. In the census of 1790 there was an Isaac Atwater in Burke county. This Isaac is reported as having been sent as a missionary to the Indians and killed at the age of twenty-two years. There were two sisters, Hannah, who married a Hicks, and Louise, who married Abraham Pendergras. In the Hillsboro land records is recorded a deed from Titus of his farm in Orange county to Moses, the consideration being about the sum Titus paid for it. In most deeds from father to son in the older days the relationship was generally stated, and very often if the father had become old the land would be transferred, the consideration being "love and affection." Nothing of the kind appears in the deed from Titus to Moses. It was a regular business transaction.

There is a tradition that Titus came to the region of Chapel Hill riding horseback with his wife seated behind him. He may have come first, and if Moses was his brother, sent for him later and persuaded him to locate nearby. Whether my theory is or is not correct it is certain Enos could not have been a grandfather at the age of thirty-two years. Enos had a brother named Titus but according to the Cheshire, Conn., records this Titus lived his life in Cheshire, married and died there.



FRANCIS ATWATER,
Thirty-Five Years Family Historian

Enos' people had a great reverence for family. I have seen stone after stone where they are buried which told as much as possible in condensed form the history of each individual. Yet a generation or two later not a stone can be found telling anything of Enos, his wife or his children.

I had hoped, and still hope, that there are old bibles, letters, or papers in the possession of the descendants in North Carolina which may some day solve this perplexing family problem.

I have exhausted every avenue of research that a trained mind can conceive of, and I am as far in the dark to-day as when I started.

I have asked many historians in Virginia to locate, if possible, any Atwaters in that state. I have read every local, county and state history of Virginia to get trace of Enos, for I firmly believe he may have settled there and brought up his family. It is said Titus came from Virginia, but I have found no comforting word from any source.

The mother of Moses Atwater, it is said, lived with her son. Moses' son, Wilson, described her as being an excellent woman, remarkable for her good sense, piety and love of her family. This was told by Wilson to his nephew, E. W. Atwater, who also told him he knew all of his uncles and aunts except Isaac.

I have looked over the probate records of Cheshire and found, while Enos' father was possessed of quite a large estate, it was found to be insolvent and so Enos is not mentioned as there was no estate to distribute. His mother left thirty-six pounds at her death, but no mention is made of its distribution.

As we know but little of the generation before Moses, we shall start with him and confine the pedigree from now on to his descendants.

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MOSES ATWATER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Moses Atwater, born in 1780; m. Amy Wilson, b. in 1775; d. Dec. 11, 1852. She was the dau. of John Wilson. According to the probate records in Hillsboro, N. C., her children deeded to their brother Jehiel "land that was bequeathed their mother by John Wilson, her father." This was in 1838. Moses lived near Hillsboro on a farm he bought from Titus, and d. Sept. 13, 1836. They are buried in the family plot not far from Cedar Grove, N. C.

He was a man of clear head, cool judgment and industrious habits. He began life when married with very little save his trade—that of a saddler. He accumulated several hundred acres of land and many slaves. His children always spoke of him as being strictly honest in his dealing with others and as a man who was quick to see a good investment and as one who kept himself in readiness for such whenever presented.

It was the custom in his day for almost every one whose circumstances would permit to own a distillery. He owned one and taught each one of his sons how to run it. While he drank to excess sometimes, and at such times was violent and rough, through the influence of their mother, not one of the children drank to excess—instead were leaders of the temperance movement.

Moses was a born leader. Indeed, he commanded where he had authority, but he was strictly just to command obedience, as he was to punish disobedience. He was devoted to the welfare of his home and family and when not maddened by drink was kind and affectionate. His wife was a model woman, sweet spirited, kind, gentle, loving and lovable. She suffered without measure, and was ready to forgive and forget. Her influence lives in her descendants and will continue. Moses' will reads as follows:

"I, Moses Atwater, of the county of Orange and the state of North Carolina, do make this to be my last will and testament. I lend to my wife Amy three negro boys, named Joe, Jack and Aaron; likewise two negro women, Milly and Ann, and Ann's two children, John and Stephen; likewise the land and plantation, where I now live, estimated at 400 acres; also the land her father left her, and forty acres adjoining the same, and fifty acres adjoining the land I took up; also choice horses; and grews and plows for the same and working utensils sufficient to carry on the farm; three cows and calves, five ewes and lambs; hogs sufficient for her family use; one year and sows and pigs sufficient to raise from for future support; with kitchen and table furniture sufficient

for her use; two feather beds, steds and furniture, and likewise \$400 in cash, if it should be needed for her support, otherwise to return to my estate and at the death or marriage of my said wife, Amy, I give and bequeath to my son Jehiel all the money both real and personal (except the cash which is herein mentioned and intended to be loaned to my wife Amy during her natural life and widowhood).

"I give and bequeath to my son Wilson all my land on the west side of the highland branch to the meadow branch and west of a line of the said meadow branch to a poplar; south to a forest oak in James Norton's corner line.

"I give to my son Jahaza all my land south of the line called Daniel's line, near Betsy Smith's old cabin and also south of Madderson Cook's line; also a small piece of land estimated at twenty acres near Farrington's old mill path, leading to the cotton gin house on the south side of the creek.

"I give to my daughter, Lois Stroud, during the term of her natural life a negro girl named Louise with her increase which said negro girl Louise has now in her possession, and at the death of my daughter I give and bequeath the said negro girl with her increase to Amy and all the children of my daughter Lois, share and share alike.

"I lend to my daughter Celia Stroud, the negro girl Mary which is now in her possession with her increase during the term of her natural life and at her death my will is the said negro girl with her increase shall descend to any and all the children of my said daughter Celia, share and share alike.

"I give unto my son Jehiel the balance of my mill tract of land purchased from Farrington, not before given to my son Jahaza and likewise the balance of my land in Chatham not already given away lying on the south side of the land I now live upon.

"I leave all my negroes not heretofore mentioned to be equally divided between my sons Wilson and Jahaza and my two daughters Celia Stroud and Lois Stroud.

"All the remainder of my estate not heretofore mentioned of whatever kind or quality it may consist I leave to be sold and the proceeds of said sale together with the cash I may leave and the surplus of the money loaned my wife (if not applied to her use) divided amongst all my children I have, share alike, viz.: Wilson, Edmond, Jahaza, Jehiel, Louis Stroud and Celia Stroud."

Of the children of Moses, the late E. W. Atwater wrote to the compiler as follows:

"Wilson, the oldest child of Moses, was named for his mother's family, who was a Wilson before marriage. He inherited the amiable disposition of his mother, with the good sense of his father. He lived to be upwards of ninety years of age, and is remembered as one of the best men of his generation. He was a local preacher, Methodist E. Church, South.

"Edmund B. was also a local preacher. He moved to Georgia soon after marriage, where he died at the age of about ninety years. His was an unique character. He was a wit, a wag, a dignified gentleman. The Irish was largely developed in him. He was tall, muscular in physique, weighing about 180 pounds. He left in Georgia five children.

"Jahaza Atwater was a zealous, excitable man, inclined to be boisterous, but full of humor, and peaceable. He was a good man, a class leader, an earnest Christian.

"Jehiel Atwater (my father) was the youngest. His father died when he was eighteen years of age. His business training and habits were such that he became (without a guardian) manager of his own and mother's estate which consisted of a farm of about 1,000 acres and a number of negro slaves. And

he proved himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. It is said that he favored his father in greatness and physique. He was about 5 feet, 9½ inches, and weighed when 50 years old 190 pounds. His prominent trait was devotion to principle, judicial trend of mind, and fearlessness in doing what he conceived to be right. He was inclined to be timid to speak before a crowd, and hence he was monosyllable. He was used by his contemporaries to settle disputes and differences, and in this way the courts were deprived of much business, and peace preserved in the community. It is remarkable that from the great number of cases he arbitrated there was never an appeal from his decision, and not a case where amicable relations were not restored. He was notably a peacemaker. He was a big-hearted man and delighted to relieve the distressed and unfortunate; and this class missed their friend when he died. He treated his slaves humanely and they all loved and trusted him as their best friend. He owned about fifty, and I well remember when a boy, how he would teach them a Bible lesson on Sunday afternoon, and on Sunday morning he would often call them all up to the yard, and after reading from the Bible would have one of them pray, notably an aged man, Aaron, whom he inherited from his father. And after the slaves were freed he continued to be their best friend, and started them on their new career with the benefit of his advice and counsel. These will bless his memory, and the few who now survive love to speak of him and the 'Goodness of master to them.' He was a devout Christian and class leader, and steward in his church (Methodist).

"All the family before the war of 1861, were whigs in politics, and while none of them would consent to seek office, they were interested as good citizens should be in good government. They always identified themselves with what they believed would elevate and ennoble humanity. After the reconstruction period all voted with the democrats because it was the only chance to secure good government here.

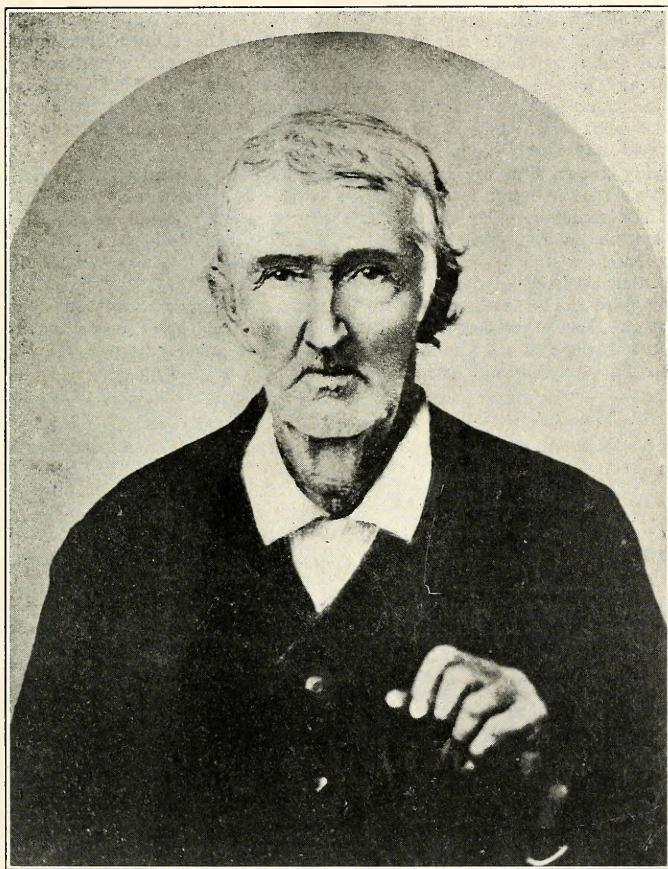
"They all gave their children as good an education as conditions allowed, but not one of them sent a boy to college. The girls were more highly educated than the boys and hence the influence has been widely demonstrated for good in the homes into which they married.

"The descendants of these older ones named carry the same characteristics. They occupy socially the very best places, not society people, but for pure thoughts and character, and safe morals, none excel them. The younger generation show that they will follow in the trend of their ancestors. They have been and will continue to be Puritans; free from intolerance, indeed I might say the spirit of intolerance has no foothold in them. They will stand by a principle till death, but will not persecute those who see different."

- 2 Wilson, b. Dec. 3, 1797.
- 3 Edmond Brower, b. May 27, 1804.
- 4 Lois, b. Jan. 25, 1809; m. John Strowd.
- 5 Jahaza, b. Mar. 10, 1810.
- 6 Celia, b. 1815; m. Charles P. Strowd.
- 7 Jehiel, b. Mar. 17, 1817.

SECOND GENERATION.

2. Wilson, son of Moses, m. Dec. 23, 1819, Eleanor McCauley. He was a local preacher, M. E. church, South. He d. July 31, 1885. At his funeral Rev. J. B. Martin said:



WILSON ATWATER, No. 2.

"In writing an obituary of this remarkable man I find myself embarrassed by a fear that I may seem extravagant to strangers. Those not acquainted with such a character may find it hard to believe that mortal man in these latter days can reach such a stage of Christian perfection as distinguished this eminent servant of God.

"Of his parentage I need not speak except to say that his mother was a goodly woman, which may in some way account for his sound conversion and excellent piety. When a youth he was deeply interested in the subject of religion and hungered and thirsted after righteousness. After much trouble and sorrow, and praying and seeking, he was powerfully and happily converted in early manhood, and forthwith sought fellowship with the people of God, in the M. E. church, South, in which he lived and died, such a burning and shining light as this world has rarely seen.

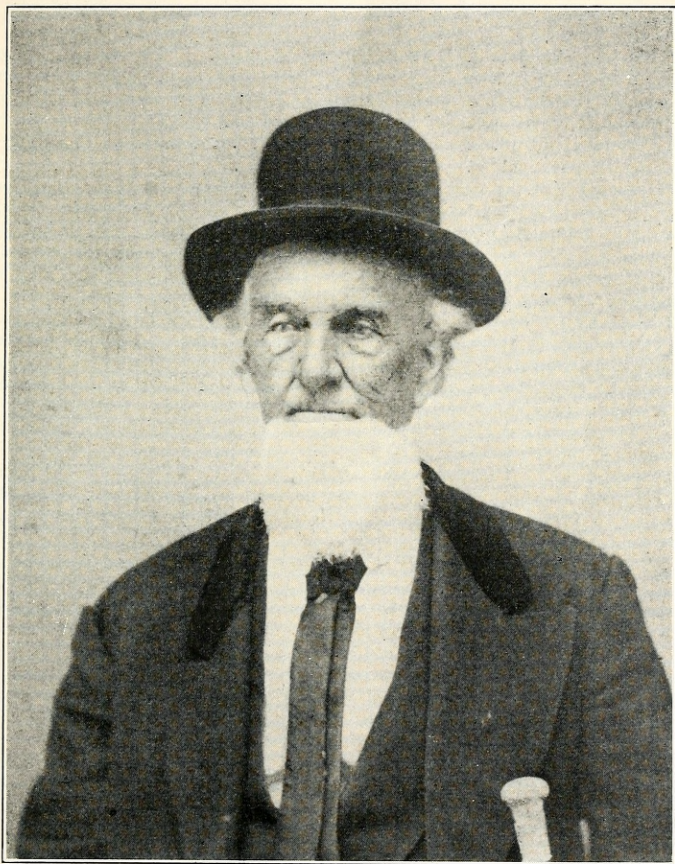
"Having known him for twenty years, I have no hesitation in saying I do not believe that a better man ever lived in this evil world. No wonder he was a powerful preacher. He honored and adored every relation he sustained and every station he ever occupied.

"If ever there was a spotless character in this world it was Wilson Atwater. Taking him, all in all, I never expect to see his like again. Having walked with God for more than three score years he went down to death without fear. He was not sick like other people. Through age and feebleness, he was confined to home and house and till the weary wheels of life stood still and his triumphant spirit ascended to the paradise of God."

- 8 Wesley, b. June 14, 1821.
- 9 Martha, b. April 28, 1823; m. Manly D. Stroud.
- 10 Matthew, b. April 28, 1825.
- 11 Jane, m. Britlain Edwards.
- 12 Mary, m. Samuel Womble.
- 13 Celia, d. unm.
14. Lois, m. John Womble.
15. Eliza, m. Wm. Womble.
16. John F., b. Aug. 2, 1839.
17. Sarah A., b. Mar. 2, 1841; m. Wm. Moore; (2) Durant Moore.

3. **Edmund Brower**, son of Moses, m. Martha Snipes, b. June 15, 1808; d. April 23, 1858; (2) Sept. 27, 1860, N. A. Moore, b. Dec. 19, 1822; d. Nov. 10, 1900. He d. Jan. 1, 1893, in Thomaston, Ga. Before the civil war he had amassed a large fortune, but the devastation swept it away, but his indomitable energy prevailed and at the time of his death he had recovered so much he was in comfortable circumstances. Hon. B. L. Tisinger, justice of the Supreme Court of the state of Oklahoma, writes as follows:

"The first time I ever saw Judge E. B. Atwater was when I was a mere boy and he was a man, long past life's meridian. It was at the old Methodist camp ground, near the village of The Rock, in Upson county, Ga., where that religious denomination held annual midsummer revival meetings. Some itinerant preacher had delivered a conscience-searching, soul-tirring sermon. The



EDMOND BROWER ATWATER, No. 3.

religious emotions of the large congregation were stirred to their depth. Sinners were invited to come to the improvised altar for prayer, and they came in numbers.

"Judge Atwater, or 'Uncle At,' as he was familiarly and affectionately known, was requested to lead the prayer. I shall never forget the occasion. I wish I could remember the prayer. The tall, slightly stooped old man sank to his knees on the wheat straw with which the place was carpeted, towering in this position full head and shoulders above the recumbent figures about him, and prayed for his neighbors and his neighbors' children. The vibrant, resonant qualities of his voice carried every word not only back to the seats of the scornful in the rear of the large tabernacle, where I with other boys and girls, awed by the solemnity of the occasion, sat and watched and wondered, but to the little cottages round about where campers, too tired or too indifferent to attend the service, sat in easy chairs.

"As I remember it, he began his invocation as follows: "O thou all powerful, all wise, all merciful God, our Creator, our Preserver, our Redeemer, to whom be glory and dominion, now and forever." He then addressed Him as the Father to whom he came as a suppliant child, bearing in his heart the burden of the sins of erring friends, and prayed for their conversion. There may have been nothing striking or unusual about the prayer, but it seemed to me that with it there settled over the place an atmosphere of tense religious awe, in the hearts of the hearers there was reverence. I heard him offer public prayer on many occasions after that. But none of them made such an abiding impression on my mind. Hard hearts were touched and tendered there at that old camp meeting place; tears came unbidden to eyes which long had been dry and ploughed down hardened cheeks. The people were powerfully moved by the simple eloquence, the fervor and pathos of an old man's prayer.

"I learned to know Judge Atwater afterwards well. He was an old man. I was a youthful lawyer. For some reason he took a fancy to me; retained me by the year to look after his various and complex business affairs; made my office his headquarters.

"It is not at all difficult for me to now visualize his form and features. Tall, raw boned, broad shouldered, slightly stooped on account of the weight of years, with furrowed face which in repose had somewhat the saddened expression of Lincoln, yet which could light up with the kindly humor which always sparkled in his eyes, he attracted attention in any crowd. He always carried a long cane and in the winter wore a plaid shawl. He spurned the conventional cane and carried a veritable walking stick, which he used not only to assist him in walking, but as a means of attracting attention by pounding on the floor with it, or by prodding some one to whom he wished to address his remarks. He also would have used it, and perhaps did on some occasions, as a weapon of offense, for he was of fiery temper, quick to resent an insult but every ready to forgive.

"I think he was of Scotch-Irish descent. I know he had Irish blood in his veins for I have heard him boast of it. But whether it came from the paternal or the maternal side I do not know. He seemed to combine in his nature the frugality of the Scotch with the happy-go-lucky improvidence of the Irishman; the unfaltering integrity of a Scotch covenant with the freedom from care and love of humor which characterize the children of Erin. He was a great raconteur, and could tell an Irish joke with the inimitable brogue of a son of the old sod.

"Born in the state of North Carolina at 4 o'clock in the morning, he said that he always awakened at that hour.

"When a small boy on the North Carolina farm, his father on one occasion took him far out in the woods and when he reached a certain spot cut a hickory

switch and threshed him soundly. When the boy asked him why he had punished him he was told that it was because the father's land cornered at that spot and he wanted to impress the place on his memory. Said Judge Atwater, "I believe I could find that corner to-day, even though the forest was cleared and the land in cultivation."

"He was a lover of good horses and always kept one that could cover a mile in as quick time as any horse in the community. And his driving was like unto the driving of Jehu. He permitted no one to pass him on the road. If some one essayed to do so, the love of the sport of klags would kindle in the old man's eyes, he would gather the lines in his gauntleted hands, tighten the rein, cluck to his faithful horse, and the unlucky but ambitious driver who thought he would pass would be left far in the rear. The character of the road did not deter him, for he would go over ruts and gullies, hitting only the high places. Many times I have been in the buggy with him when I had to hold on with hands and feet in order not to be thrown out. But he was merciful to his beasts. They were fat and sleek, well fed and well cared for.

"By industry and frugality he acquired a competency. A splendid judge of human nature, he would sometimes take chances in business transactions because he thought the moral risk was good when the security was inadequate. I think he was seldom deceived. Said he, "I haven't read many books but have read a great many men."

"He was the halest, heartiest, holiest old man I ever knew. Although, as he said, he was living on borrowed time, having passed the three score years and ten allotted to man when I first knew him, yet his faculties were unimpaired and his strength not abated up to the time of his last illness.

"When I go to Thomaston, Georgia, as I occasionally do, I visit my old friend's grave in the little cemetery on the crest of the hill. He lies near where the old Methodist church stood—a place selected by him before his death—where for long years he was a constant attendant and faithful worshiper. These pilgrimages do me good for they bring to mind the sterling worth and character of one of the knightliest of men, who by precept and example tried to impress on my youthful mind those lessons of human conduct which made his own life a success, and which I am sure brought their merited reward in that completer, fuller life he now enjoys."

18. Emeline, b. Sept. 7, 1825; m. Thomas Rose.
19. James W., b. June 24, 1827.
20. John W., b. Aug. 16, 1830.
21. Mary J., b. Aug. 14, 1832; m. Jabez Dallas.
22. Thomas J., b. July 1, 1835.

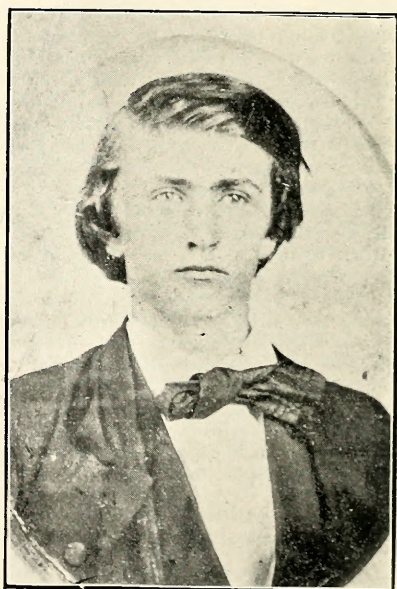
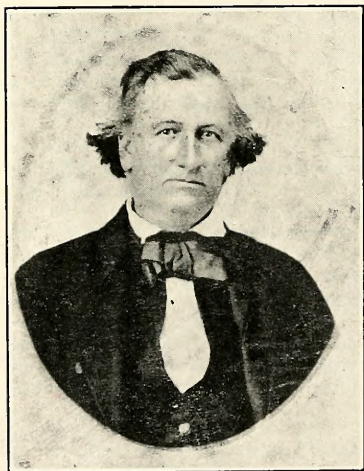
4. Lois, dau. of Moses, m. John Stroud, b. Jan. 31, 1809; d. Nov. 26, 1891. She d. Oct. 25, 1877. Chil.: Moses, Sidney, Lina, m. Andrew Wilson; Rosanna, first wife of Carney Clegg.

5. Jahaza, son of Moses, m. Nov. 11, 1833, Sally Stone. Lived in Orange county, N. C.

He was born and reared at the old Atwater homestead in Orange county, about six miles from Chapel Hill, N. C. He had a common school education such as conditions permitted in those days, as there were few school accommodations in that part of the coun-

1833. He was married to Sally Stone on Nov. 11, 1833. She was a woman of strong character, sound principles and was loved by all who knew her. They had four children. The last child was Sidney who died when a youth, soon after returning from active service in the Civil War.

Jahaza, one of the best types of Christian gentlemen, was a zealous, conscientious, faithful class leader at Mt. Pleasant church for years. Class leaders were usually selected from men whom the church members considered true leaders, those in whom they had



JAHAZA ATWATER, No. 5. SIDNEY B. ATWATER, No. 26.

complete confidence as being able and staunch Christians ready for any emergency or condition that might arise. He was full of wit and humor, always enjoying a hearty laugh. He showed his feelings plainly, being quite emotional at times. People loved him for his big, kind heart and fairness in all things. He was a Whig in politics, but did not seem to care to hold public offices. Still he always associated himself with those things which he believed were right for common good and the elevation of humanity. He proved himself a good master to his slaves, very kind and lenient. His wife, a tall, slender woman, was also kind but very strict with the

slaves, and oftentimes told her husband if he didn't see that they "toed the mark," that she would. They loved her but knew that she meant "business" when a command or request was made. The children were given as good educations as was possible. During religious services he oftentimes shouted, thus giving thanks to God in his own characteristic way. He was a large, well built man with gray eyes and dark hair, and firm, kindly mouth. He died rather suddenly at the home of his son, John W. Atwater, while in the prime of life. His wife died several years prior to this.

23. Harriet Lou, b. Aug. 25, 1836; m. W. L. Stroud.
24. Carney C., b. Oct. 5, 1838.
25. John W., b. Dec. 27, 1840.
26. Sidney B., b. 1843; d. Oct. 10, 1861, in Confederate service.

6. Celia, dau. of Moses, m. Charles Pinkney Strowd, b. 1815. They lived near Chapel Hill, N. C. He d. in the fall of 1888. She d. about 1898.

Isaac, m. Emily Mann.

Gehazi, d. in the Civil War, not married.

Bryant, died in the Civil War, not married.

Edmund, m. Sallie Foust.

Lou, m. John Maynard.

Johnston, m. Adeline Quackenbush, sister of William Quackenbush, a noted educator of North Carolina, to whose memory the people of Scotland county erected a beautiful monument on Court House Square at Laurinburg, N. C. He was one of the faculty of Bingham School in this state for a number of years before this.

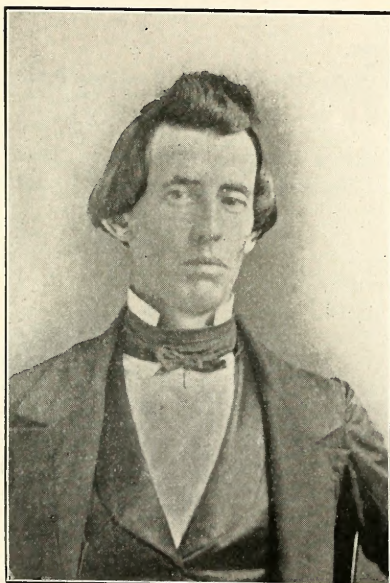
Lois, d. when a child.

Annie Amy, b. July 20, 1834; m. William H. Turrentine, b. Aug. 23, 1822; d. at his home in Orange county, N. C., Oct. 6, 1884. At the age of nineteen he embraced religion, soon joined the Methodist church, and continued a consistent member to the end of his days. Quiet in temperament, sincere in his speech, clear in his convictions, modest in mien, brave in his conduct, unswerving in his integrity, he won and maintained the high regard and unqualified confidence of all who knew him. He frequently filled the office of superintendent of the Sabbath school, was for some time a steward of the Church and was appointed afterward class leader, which position he held till his death. One of the most eloquent testimonies to his piety is given in the words from his

home: "He was devoted to his family, especially is he missed in his devotional exercises around the family altar."

Lou Emeline Turrentine, b. Nov. 20, 1857; m. Thomas M. Weaver, whose children are Mrs. Lizzie Freeland and Miss Leta Weaver, all living.

Felicia Eliza Turrentine, b. 1859; m. Leroy Craig. Their chil.: Ella, Margaret, Gilbert, Johnson and Annie. The mother and son Johnson are dead.



WM. H. TURRENTINE.



MRS. WM. H. TURRENTINE.

Samuel Bryant Turrentine, b. Nov. 15, 1861.

William Edmund Turrentine, b. Feb. 9, 1865; m. Nora Maynor. Their chil. Vernon and Lena, the latter having married a Mr. Burns. The mother and father not living.

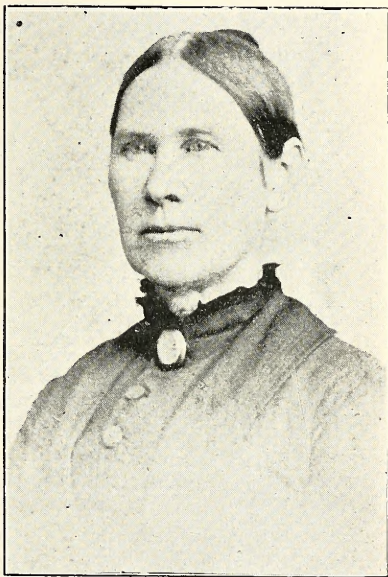
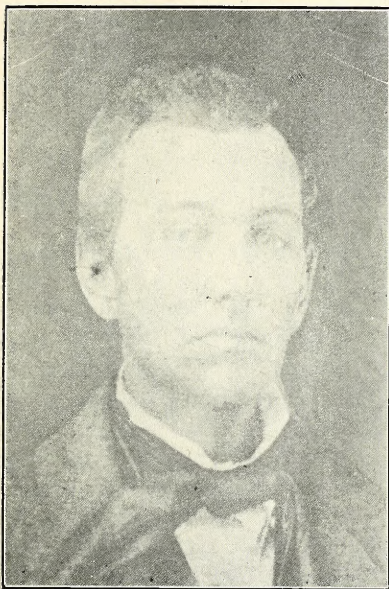
Eugene Oscar, b. Mar. 17, 1868, m. Miss Docia Riggsbee. Their chil. are Ernest and Pearle, all living.

Minnie Celia Turrentine, b. April 28, 1871; m. Malcolm C. Blackwood, b. May 9, 1872. Their chil. W. Clarence Blackwood, b. Dec. 26, 1899; S. Lawrence and

A. Louise Blackwood, b. May 5, 1905 (twins); Eugene M. Blackwood, b. Sept. 25, 1907.

7. Jehiel son of Moses, m. Dec. 10, 1840, Martha C., dau. of Nathaniel Warren and Sallie Shaw, b. Aug. 10, 1824. He was a farmer at Chapel Hill, N. C., and d. Jan. 17, 1876.

His father died when he was quite a youth. He was left to manage his own and his mother's estates and he proved himself ca-



JEHIEL ATWATER, No. 7.

MRS. JEHIEL ATWATER.

pable of the undertaking. His mother lived with him the remainder of her life. He was a notable peacemaker. He was a big-hearted man, and delighted to relieve the distressed and unfortunate. At his burial a man was heard to say "The poor man's friend is gone."

27. Edmund Warren, b. Feb. 14, 1842.
28. Sophronia Jane, b. Aug. 19, 1843; m. Luther Bynum.
29. Rufus Henry, b. July 14, 1845.
30. Mary Catherine, b. May 31, 1850; m. Carney Bynum.
31. John N., b. Aug. 7, 1858.
32. Martha Virginia, b. April 15, 1861; m. Rev. J. W. Jenkins.
33. James Bobbitt, b. July 16, 1864.

THIRD GENERATION.

8. **Wesley**, son of Wilson, m. Julia Horton, b. April 24, 1819; lived in North Carolina. No children. He was killed by a runaway horse and d. June 24, 1893. She d. May 10, 1896.

9. **Martha**, dau. of Wilson, m. Aug. 11, 1842, Manly Stroud. They lived in North Carolina.

Lethia Ann, b. Mar. 7, 1844.

John, b. Nov. 23, 1845; d. in Civil War.

Mollie, b. Oct. 27, 1847; m. H. W. Floyd.

Sarah Jane, b. Oct. 24, 1850.

Emma, b. Oct. 31, 1852; m. E. C. Thompson; d. 1854.

William, b. April 30, 1855; d. 1862.

Wellons, b. Aug. 24, 1857; m. Dec. 25, 1889, Maggie Thompson; d. Aug. 7, 1890.

Thomas, b. Mar. 25, 1860; m. June, 1908, Katie Edmondson. He d. Nov. 12, 1915.

Mathew, b. Feb. 10, 1862; m. Dec. 23, 1885, Della Andrews.

Martha, b. Jan. 1, 1869; m. Dec. 30, 1888, M. G. Bishop.

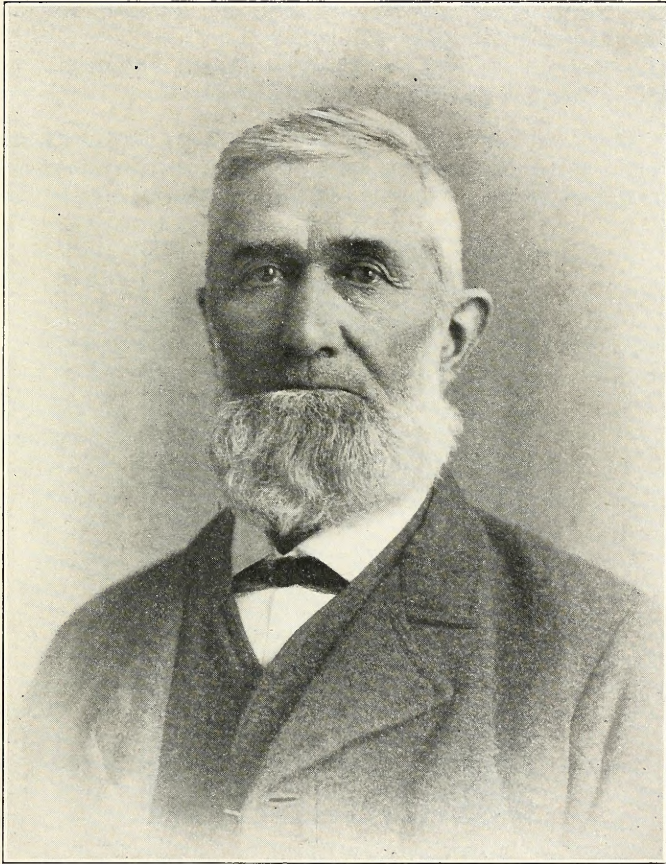
10. **Matthew**, son of Wilson, m. about 1846, Emily Snipes; d. July 14, 1862; (2) July 9, 1865, Martha Snipes; d. June 19, 1887; (3) Mary Smith, d. Dec. 20, 1908. He d. May 17, 1904. He lived in Orange county, N. C., near the first Atwater settlement. He descended from an ancestry representing the best yeomanry of the Old North State. He had a large vigorous body, strong mind, clear thought and sound judgment, positive conviction and unswerving determination. His even balanced temperament avoided extremes in thought, word and deed. His program of conduct could have been expressed in the motto, "A day's work in a day's time." His well balanced gift of heart and mind made him a leader in his community. As county commissioner, as state legislator, and temperance advocate, school official and church worker, he occupied a position standing unequivocally for what he thought to be right and for the public welfare. He was a public spirited citizen. Throughout his long life he exemplified the sterling traits of character represented by the worthy reputation of the Atwater name.

34. William B., b. July 13, 1848.

35. Marietta, b. Aug. 5, 1850; m. H. Clay Clegg.

36. Jehiel E., b. Jan. 19, 1853; d. July 24, 1874.

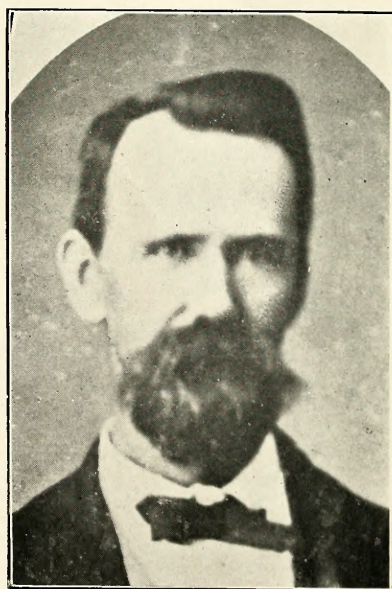
37. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Mar. 22, 1855; m. John Clegg.



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- 38. Sophronia Ida, b. Jan. 17, 1857; m. George Morrow.
- 39. Martha Josephine, b. April 10, 1859; d. Nov. 19, 1904.
- 40. Emil Anzonetta, b. Nov. 1, 1861; m. Isaac W. Pritchard.
Issue by second marriage:
- 41. Thomas A., b. Nov. 12, 1866.
- 42. Margaret Lulu, b. May 30, 1869; m. Rufus P. Womble.
- 43. James M., b. May 15, 1872.
- 44. Nellie A., b. Nov. 25, 1876; m. Robert Patterson.
- 45. Edward E., b. Oct. 4, 1881; d. Sept. 13, 1912.

12. Mary, dau. of Wilson; m. Jan. 18, 1859, Samuel Womble. Their chil.: Rufus Philmar, m. Margaret Lulu Atwater; Joseph Wilson, m. Maggie Atwater Womble; James Franklin, m. Lizzie Stroud.



JOHN F. ATWATER, No. 16.

14. Lois, dau. of Wilson; m. Apr. 9, 1853, John J. Womble; (2) W. J. Womble. Chil. by first marriage: Cornelius, Mary, Fletcher and Jehu.

15. Eliza, dau. of Wilson; m. Jan. 15, 1856, W. J. Womble. Their chil.: Nellie, m. James Radcleff; Samuel W., m. Carrie Baringer.

16. John Fletcher, son of Wilson, m. Mar. 19 1861, Nancy C. Bynum, b. Sept. 4, 1839. She d. Jan. 13, 1880. (2) Dec. 2, 1880, Elizabeth Long. She d. May, 1894. He d. Apr. 19, 1892. They were members of the M. E. church south and frequently entertained the minister. He was a regular attendant and active in church work. He served in the civil war with the Fifth N. C. Cavalry, fought in many hard battles and was made lieutenant. He returned to his farm, was an energetic worker and maintained it until his death. He was devoted to his motherless children.

- 46. Thomas F., b. Feb. 15, 1862.
- 47. Mary E., b. June 27, 1864; m. T. R. Cole.
- 48. Margaret E., b. June 5, 1867; m. J. M. Durham.
- 49. Wilson Bynum, b. Dec. 28, 1871.
- 50. Julia Olivia, b. May 26, 1874; m. W. A. Maynard.
- 51. Luther Edmund, b. Nov. 13, 1876.

17. Sarah Ann, dau. of Wilson; m. Nov. 20, 1860, Wm. H. Moore; (2) Feb. 10, 1866, Durant Moore. She d. Mar. 25, 1904.

William, b. Aug., 1864.

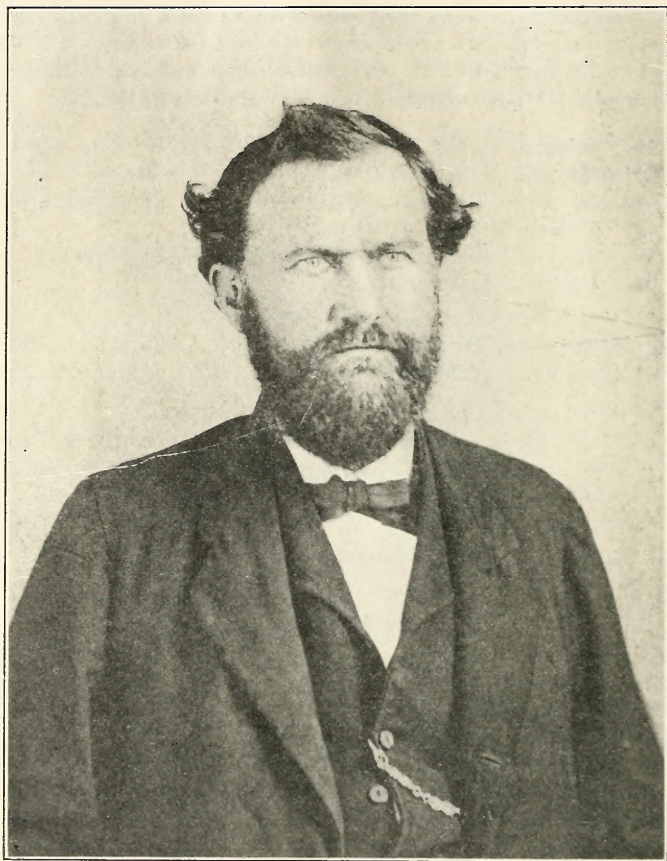
Margaret E., b. Aug. 19, 1867; m. Nov. 7, 1888, T. B. Crowder. Lives in Raleigh, N. C. Chil.: Lottie M., b. Nov. 14, 1890; Ralph H., b. Aug. 18, 1892; Raymond, b. May 14, 1904; Margaret M., b. Dec. 29, 1906.

18. Emeline, dau. of Edmund B., m. Thomas Rose. Both dead. Their chil.: John T. d.; Edmund W., Atlanta, Ga.; James W., d.

19. James W., son of Edmund B., m. Nov. 10, 1850, Antoinette Carolina Hallowsay; d. Nov. 22, 1860; (2) Nov. 2, 1872, Antoinette E. Respass. He lived at Thomaston, Ga. He d. Dec. 21, 1913. The Thomaston Times in its obituary notice said:

The deceased was eighty-seven years of age, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Antoinette Respass Atwater; one son, Capt. James R. Atwater, and six daughters, Mrs. J. Henry Smith, of Griffin; Mrs. Fred Farris, of Atlanta; Mrs. George R. Turpin, of Macon; Mrs. William P. Leonard, of Talbotton; Mrs. Roland W. Spain, of New York city, and Mrs. A. J. King of Macon.

Besides being one of the oldest and wealthiest of Thomaston citizens, he was one of the most prominent, influential and highly esteemed. Not only did he stand high in the affections of his home people but wherever he was known men respected and loved him. A citizen of another city who is one of the most prominent men in the state and who was a business associate of Captain Atwater's said of



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him: "Few men have lived to better purpose, or have had higher regard of their friends and acquaintances than Mr. Atwater."

Captain Atwater was a man of strong convictions and once he took a stand in a matter he was almost unshakable. It is said of him that above all things he despised a hypocrite and hated all manner of shams. He was also a man who loved his friends and would stop at nothing to aid them. There are many who owe their business success to his assistance and counsel.

Captain Atwater served through the civil war with distinction. He was noted for his bravery in battle and his efficiency in military tactics, being made captain of five different companies to perfect their organization. Many of his comrades who are still living gratefully bear testimony to his valorous record.

After the conflict ended he was active in the politics of Upson county serving as county commissioner for twelve years, during which terms of service he was one of the first men in the state to refuse a permit for a cross road saloon.

Captain Atwater was also one of the founders of the R. E. Lee Institute of Thomaston, and for twenty-three years acted as chairman for the board of trustees for that well known institution.

For years Captain Atwater was a leader in every movement looking to the upbuilding and betterment of his town and county.

52. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Apr. 25, 1852; m. A. J. King.
Issue by second marriage:
53. James Robert, b. Aug. 16, 1873.
54. Ada Bynum, b. Oct. 3, 1874; m. George R. Turpin.
55. Carrie Payne, b. Dec. 3, 1876; m. June 19, 1901, Henry Smith.
56. Susan Eugina, b. June 17, 1880; m. Wm. P. Leonard.
57. Catherine C., b. July 30, 1886; m. Dec. 16, 1909, Fred Farris.
58. Naomi, b. Apr. 19, 1891; m. Mar. 28, 1913, Roland W. Spain.

20. John W., son of Edmund B., m. Sept. 4, 1853, Martha G. O'Neil, b. Nov. 1, 1833; (2) Mar. 18, 1901, Sarah L. Bulls. He lived in Thomaston, Ga., and d. Feb. 22, 1915.

59. Mary Emeline, b. Feb. 4, 1856; d. Dec. 23, 1896; m. Nov. 2, 1892, Rev. J. W. Bailey.
60. Charles M., b. Dec. 23, 1858.
61. Martha E., b. Oct. 18, 1860; m. Sept. 11, 1881, J. C. Fox.
62. George E., b. July 26, 1854.

- 63. Abia Cordelia, b. Oct. 28, 1865; m. Jan. 8, 1888, Wm. Matthews. Have three sons and two daughters.
- 64. Julia Caroline, b. Sept. 30, 1868.
- 65. Edmond Brouder, b. Oct. 30, 1871.
- 66. John Peterson, b. Oct. 21, 1874.

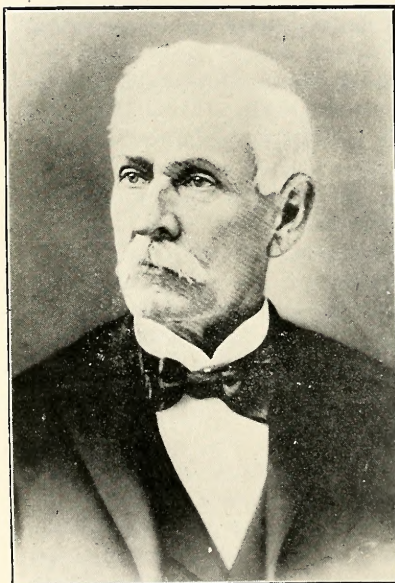
21. Mary J., dau. of Edmund B., m. Jabez M. Dallas. He d. Jan. 26, 1892. She d. Jan. 31, 1913. Their chil.: Thomas Edwin, John, Lee, Griffin, Ga.; Mattie, m. J. B. Stamps, Thomaston, Ga.; Willie, d.; Charlie, Sallie, m. ——— Smith; Daisy, m. ——— Dobbs,

22. Thomas J., son of Edmund B., m. Falva Dawson; d. Sept. 5, 1879; (2) Nov., 1880, Ellen Preston; d. Sept., 1914. She was Widow Scarborough previously. He resided in Andersonville, Ga., and d. Feb. 22, 1919.

- 67. Geraldine Phereba, b. Oct. 29, 1860; m. Dec. 1, 1880, J. Wesley Allen.
- 68. Edmond Broder, b. Oct. 18, 1862; d. Oct. 1, 1869.
- 68. Hull Asbery, b. Jan. 29, 1869.
- 69. Ezekiel Robartus, b. Oct. 18, 1865.
- 70. Martha Patterson (Dollie), b. July 26, 1870; m. Jan., 1887 Sam Wilson.
- 71. Mary Emeline, b. Aug. 1, 1875; m. Sept., 1894, R. R. Russell.

23. Lois A., dau. of Jahaza, b. Aug. 25, 1836; m. April 18, 1861, William Franklin Strowd, who was born in Orange county, N. C., Dec. 7, 1832. He was brought up on a farm and followed farming as a vocation nearly all his life. He was educated in the Bingham school, High Hill Academy, and graduated from the Graham Institute. He moved to and made his home at Pittsboro, Chatham county, in 1861, shortly after his marriage. He was a member of the state constitutional convention in 1875. He was nominated for representative in Congress by the Populists in 1892, and again in 1894 when he was elected to the Fifty-fourth Congress by 18,662 votes, against 14,335 for Charles M. Cooke, democrat. He was re-elected in 1896, serving from Mar. 4, 1895, to Mar. 3, 1899. He was assigned to the committee on labor. He was generally called "Uncle Buck." A cleaner handed man never quit the nation's capitol to render his account to a waiting constituency. He was not a politician; political life did not appeal to him. He shrank from the limelight smitten by its intolerable glare. The city and its crowded streets depressed him. He longed for his quiet country home; for his broad acres; the hush and stillness, the solitudes of the solemn

hills. He was born among the hills and he loved them. And so he came again to live among his beloved hills to spend his declining years in the joy of their fellowship and to sleep beneath their friendly shadow when life's long day was done. He was a member of the M. E. church south. After his return to private life he spent most of his time with his son at Chapel Hill. For a number of years he taught a class of university students at Sunday school and succeeded to an unusual degree in quickening and holding their in-



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terest in the world of life. He d. Mar. 12, 1911. His wife survived him until Feb. 7, 1917. She was a devout Christian woman, a Methodist of the old school, and highly esteemed by all who knew her. Her declining years were spent with her son at Chapel Hill.

Elizabeth, b. 1862; d. 1864.

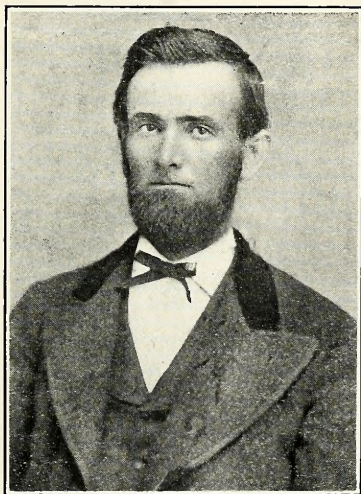
Robert Lee, b. Feb. 1, 1864; m. April 27, 1886, Fannie Headen.

They live in Chapel Hill, N. C., where he is an honored and respected resident. He is vice-president of the Bank of Chapel Hill.

W. F., b. July 1, 1887.

W. H., b. June 2, 1889.
Bruce, b. Aug. 18, 1891.
Mary Louisa, b. Aug. 2, 1895.
Grace, b. July 30, 1897.
Elizabeth, b. Aug. 18, 1902.

24. Carney Compton, son of Jahaza; m. 1862, Amelia A. Baldwin. He d. Jan. 18, 1878. As a man he was distinguished for energy of character. Under his management "the desert places were made to rejoice and blossom as the rose," barren fields returned re-



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munerative crops to reward him for his pains and the richer soil multiplied his gains. He was conspicuous for the integrity of his character. He was converted at fourteen years of age and continued membership in the church through life, though he shrank from any official position in it. As a Christian he was sincere in his belief and consistent in his life. Mrs. Atwater died at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. S. B. Turrentine, in Greensboro, N. C., March 18, 1907. As a wife she was a model of loving devotion and fidelity, and when left by bereavement to walk the lone path of widowhood she carried with quiet grace and dignity the burdens and responsi-

bilities of her household. So well did she meet the trials of this difficult sphere of life that her sorrow became a crown of glory, and her children rise up to call her blessed in token of her motherly devotions. For several years prior to her death she was a great sufferer. Pain was her constant companion and physical helplessness imposed upon her the trial of being dependent upon the ministering care of her friends. But her great afflictions were borne with such a quiet submission and in the strength of such gentle trust that her weakness became her strength and turned the ministry of her friends into a service of joy. In the home of her daughter, where she received unflinching devotion and care, she was the light of the household. No murmurs jarred the family peace, and no shadow ever darkened her room of suffering. Her last days were filled with weariness and pain.

- ✓ 72. Sallie Lenora, b. Mar. 24, 1864; m. Rev. S. B. Turrentine.
- ✓ 73. Cara Julia, b. Apr. 20, 1866; m. Oliver Clegg Bynum.
- 74. Minnie Burnett, lives at 140 College St., Greensboro, N. C.

25. **John Wilbur**, son of Jahaza, m. (1) Apr. 25, 1861, Eugenia E. Farrington, b. Aug. 11, 1845; d. Jan. 8, 1880; (2) 1883, Alice Farrington, b. Nov. 28, 1849; d. May 14, 1888; (3) 1887, Sophronia J. Baldwin, b. Oct. 4, 1835. He d. July 4, 1910.

(Contributed by Rev. S. B. Turrentine.)

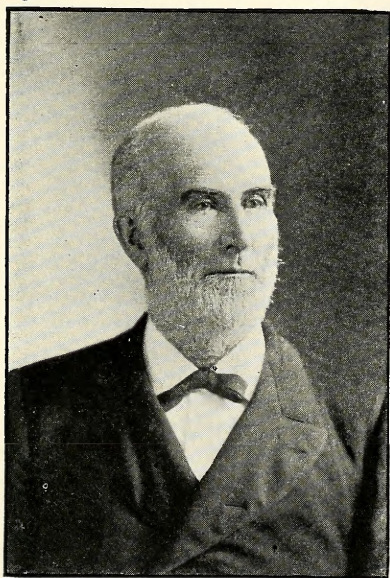
The sublimest thing in nature is true manhood. The richest assets of a nation are its upright citizens. True manliness has been eulogized in poesy and immortalized in song. Such a noble theme stands out in bold relief upon the pages of history. But the real value of a good man to a community cannot be computed. His influence is multiplied in the lives of the host that arise and call him blessed. John Wilbur Atwater descended from an ancestry of people that have maintained a worthy reputation. From a large volume, compiled as a record of the Atwater family, the following items have been culled regarding the subject of this sketch: "Born December 27, 1840. Joined the Confederate army, Company D, First North Carolina Volunteers, and was with the army of Gen. Robert E. Lee until the end. Was elected State Senator in 1890, and again in 1892 and 1896. Was elected to the Fifty-sixth Congress."

In addition to these facts, it can be stated that he inherited many of the excellent endowments of his ancestors; was reared amid the influences of a Christian home in the country, whence about eighty per cent. of the leading successful men of this nation are said to

come; and he began life aright when young, having been converted in youth.

Among his natural endowments was what Beecher called a prime prerequisite of success—physical vigor. He was a superb type of manhood.

In public service he endeavored to promote the best interests of the people. While frank in expressing and firm in executing his convictions, he accorded courtly deference to an opponent. With knightly mien he wore the laurels of triumph; with chivalrous



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equanimity he bore the emblems of defeat, but courted no despair. In later private life his public-spirited interest in church and state was still manifest, having served in his home church as steward, Sunday school superintendent, and general leader, and at his last District Conference made an earnest plea for the Laymen's Missionary Movement. While thus progressive in spirit, he did not tolerate religious fads or shams, but earnestly contended "for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." He was the preacher's friend; his home was the preacher's home. Around his fireside the welcome visitor was engaged in wholesome conversa-

tion. Near his favorite armchair was found a wide range of reading—county, state and church papers, the Congressional Record, Sunday school periodicals, and his Bible. Around his hearthstone was erected the family altar. In such homes Grady declared that the strength of this nation rests.

In the vigor of health he had expressed his readiness to answer the summons whenever God should call him. A short while before his departure, after delivering an educational address at an institution of learning, he donated most of his large library of books for public benefit. Though in his usual health, he seemed to be setting his house in order.

On July 4, 1910, while this great nation was celebrating its anniversary of freedom, this heroic veteran, patriotic statesman, and loyal Christian citizen was suddenly called into the larger life and liberty beyond. At Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, Chatham County, N. C., where his early religious associations clustered, his body was laid to rest.

(Contributed by Mrs. Harry J. Simmonds.)

Saphronia J. Baldwin was born at the old home place in Chatham county about the year 1837 and died Christmas night 1914. She was educated by Greensboro Female College (now called Greensboro College for Women), Greensboro, N. C.

She lived for some time in Chatham county with her father, Joseph J. Baldwin, one of the most active, devout Methodist leaders in the community. He was a prominent educator in his early life.

"Phrone," or "Aunt Dee," as she was affectionately called, lived with her parents until her marriage. She tenderly cared for her parents in their old age and was almost a mother to her sister Amelia's children after their father's death when their mother was in very frail health.

She was married in later life about 1890 to John William Atwater, of Rialto, N. C. Here she lived a loving and devoted wife and a faithful stepmother to his children. Their home was always open to loved ones, friends as well as the stranger who oftentimes drifted to their neighborhood. It was a favorite stopping place of several northern sportsmen who went down year after year to hunt quail, rabbits and squirrels.

She was quite fond of flowers and her pets as well as her friends and loved ones, and in turn was loved by all who knew her, both black and white.

The devotion between husband and wife was beautiful. They were always happy and contented together. Her husband was a man about six feet tall, very muscular and well built, while she

was quite short and plump. They were both ready to help in any emergency and wherever needed, and people knew this and loved them for it.

She spent a number of years in Washington, D. C., while her husband was a member of Congress. She was a faithful and active member of the Methodist church, a woman of positive convictions, frank and courageous with all kindness of heart. In early womanhood she was regarded very attractive and beautiful, in her old age she was very pretty, with her fresh young face, pink and smooth as a young girl's and her soft white hair. She never failed to be greatly interested in the events of the day, particularly those things that helped make the world more beautiful, useful and happy. She was truly one of God's Sunshine children. When her husband died her joy in life seemed to fade. She tried to be cheerful and was very brave until the end. On Christmas night in 1914, after a joyous and happy day, she quietly answered the Master's call to join her husband above.

We miss her, and it seems so strange that women such as she have to leave the world where they help others live better. It was God's will that she left us and she was only waiting patiently to be summoned. Her sweet influence will long be felt—her memory will live for years—may God give us other noble, sweet women such as she

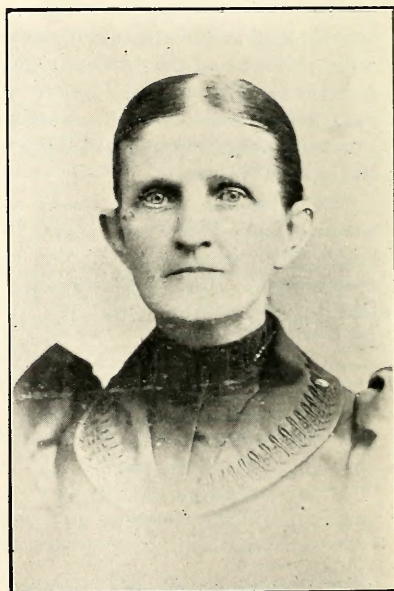
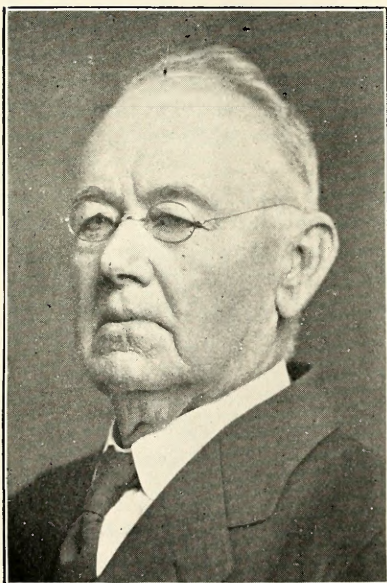
- 75. Alfred Sidney, b. Oct. 17, 1862.
- 76. John Bunyan, b. Nov. 16, 1868.
- 77. Harriet Lee, b. April 1, 1871; m. Charles J. Gregory.
- 78. Addie Susan, b. Dec. 18, 1874; m. T. J. Burroughs.
- 79. William M., b. Nov. 20, 1876.
- 80. Lillian, b. May 12, 1888; d. May 13, 1888.

27. Edmund Warren, son of Jehiel; m. Dec. 5, 1861, Margaret A., dau. of Carney Bynum and Margaret Clegg; b. Sept. 5, 1841. He lived at Riggsbee, N. C., where he was a farmer, and held the office of the justice of the peace. Answering the call of his country he served in the confederate army as orderly sergeant and to the end of his life loved the comradeship of the "old veterans," often attending their reunions. After the war he moved to Chatham county where he spent the greater part of his life. He joined the Methodist church in early life at Cedar Grove. He was most loyal to his Lord and church; a strong, constant friend to ministers; called himself his pastor's assistant and it was true. He was far-seeing, clear cut in his processes of thought and of a philosophic turn of mind. One writer said of him: "I have always regarded

Mr. Atwater as one of the most genuine Christians that I have ever known. He was ripe and ready for the garner. Doubtless he had his defects, but all in all, I have known very few men who stood out and above the multitude as distinctly for Christ as he did. The spiritual stream of his life ran smooth and deep, and he never allowed the straws that floated upon the surface to disturb the serenity of its depths."

81. Sallie Warren, b. Oct. 1, 1862; m. Rev. R. B. John.

82. Margaret Lulu, b. Mar. 19, 1866; d. Nov. 30, 1905.



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83. Martha Sophronia, b. Oct. 5, 1867; m. Prof. D. M. Weatherby. One son, Bruce Atwater, b. Nov. 20, 1897.

84. Mary Eliza, b. July 4, 1869; m. Prof. J. M. Turner.

85. Julia Elizabeth, b. Nov. 28, 1873; m. James W. Murray.

86. Jehiel, b. Dec. 11, 1875; d. Oct. 19, 1876.

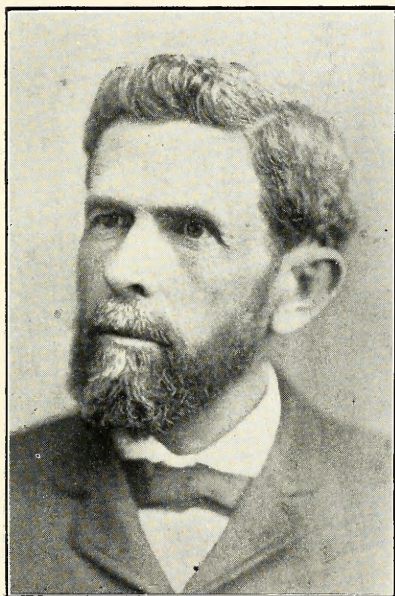
87. Fannie Virginia, b. July 28, 1877; m. Dec. 26, 1900, Rev. N. M. Watson. Two chil.: Neill McCoy, b. Jan. 9, 1909; Frances Atwater, b. Mar. 19, 1911.

88. Carney Bynum, b. Mar. 2, 1879.

28. Sophronia Jane, dau. of Jehiel; m. March, 1861, Luther Bynum, of Bynum, N. C. She d. Oct. 1, 1892.

Mr. Bynum was a man always interested in the good of his country and his church. Mrs. Bynum was unusually timid and retiring, yet won the love and admiration of all who knew her. She delighted in helping any in need or suffering. She was proverbially known as "the widows' friend." Her only son lives in California.

Oliver Clegg, b. May 10, 1864; m. Cara Julia Atwater.



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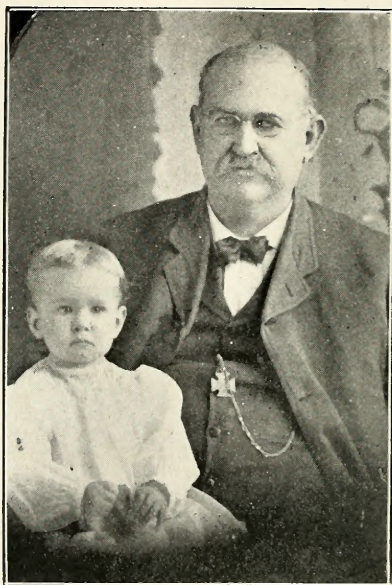
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29. Rufus Henry, son of Jehiel, m. April 25, 1867, Eliza Cora Page. He moved from Durham, N. C., to Missouri in April, 1889. He was a type known as an old-fashioned southern gentleman. He joined the Confederate army and remained until the close, a member of the Fifth N. C. cavalry. He was a traveling salesman and was thoroughly successful. He died March 15, 1905. He lived at Liberty, Mo.

The following is what a friend in Missouri had to say of him: "He was a whole-souled, genial gentleman and made friends of all with whom he became acquainted. His life was without flaw or

blemish. His generosity was proverbial, his purse ever being open to a public cause or the cry of the needy."

- 89. William Anderson, b. March 15, 1868.
- 90. Amma Frances, b. June 28, 1869; m. J. M. Johnson.
- 91. Lucy Warren, b. March 16, 1871; m. E. H. Jacobs.
- 92. Orian High, b. March 5, 1873; m. Edgar Cave.



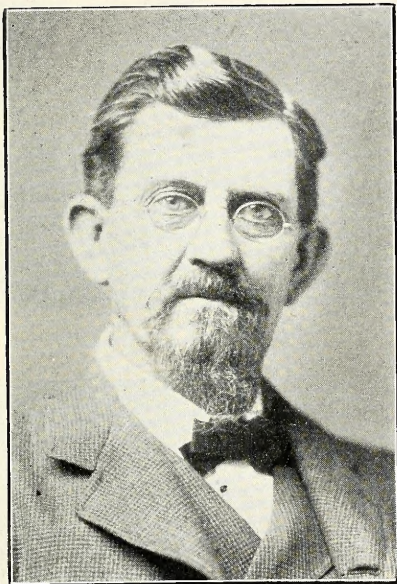
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30. Mary Catherine, dau. of Jehiel, m. Sept., 1867, Carney W. Bynum, b. May 28, 1844; d. Aug. 31, 1909. She lives in Raleigh, N. C.

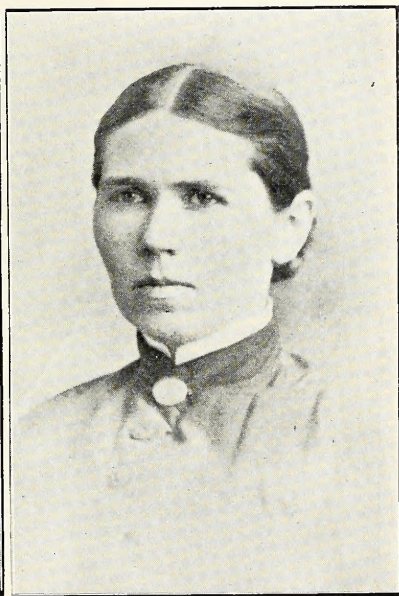
Mr. Bynum was a typical old-time southern gentleman, his home a typical southern country home, and his wife a typical housewife and mother. They always kept open house, the guest chamber was always in readiness, and the meals always planned for some possible friend who might drop in. It was the preacher's home and they were the preacher's friends.

Mr. Bynum was a man of unusual executive ability, a very successful business man, prominent in all phases of church work. For years he was superintendent of two Sunday schools, holding one in

the morning and the other, four miles distant, in the afternoon. He was easily the leading man in his community and undoubtedly served more people than any other man of his day. In all his affairs and undertakings his devoted and affectionate wife was with him, a true helpmate indeed. Since his death, their three children, all being married, Mrs. Bynum has made her home at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, N. C., where her gentle ways and sweet disposition has won for her the love of all.



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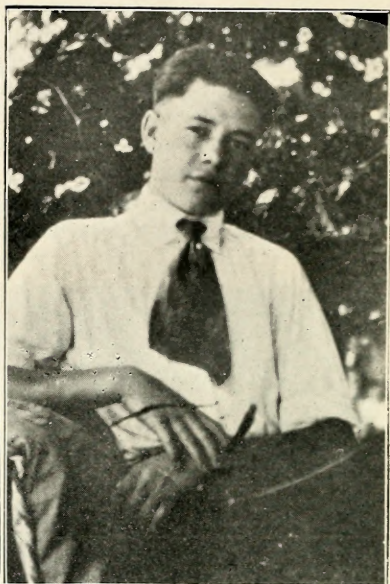
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Edmund Luther, b. Dec. 8, 1868; d. Aug. 4, 1870.

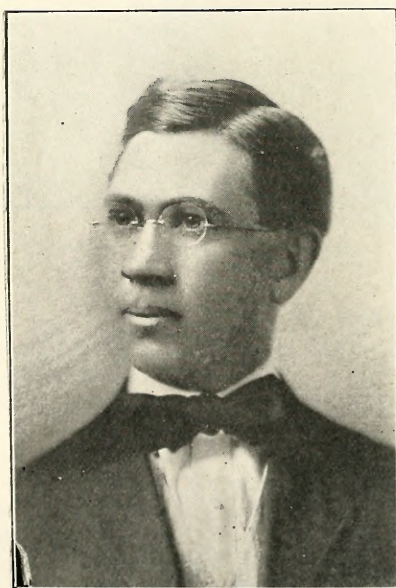
Cornelia Warren, b. Jan. 19, 1872; m. Dec. 27, 1899, Garland O. Green, a Methodist minister. He d. Sept. 24, 1903; one son, Garland O., b. Apr. 21, 1901; (2) June, 1912, Wm. Seaton Rives. They live in Raleigh, N. C. She was educated in Greensboro College for Women. After teaching for a while in her home town, she was happily married to Rev. Garland O. Green, of the North Carolina Conference. To them were born two beautiful boys. Into this home death came and took away the husband and father, and the baby



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GARLAND O. GREEN.

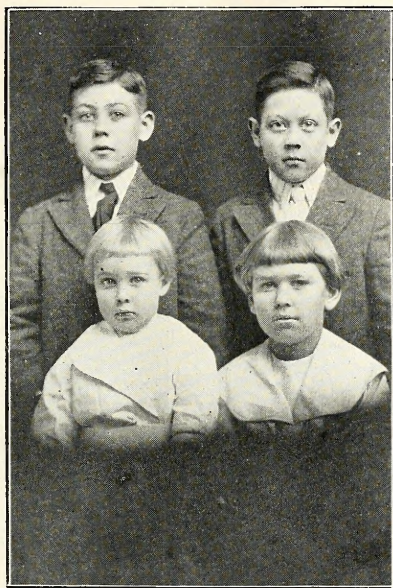


DR. J. N. TAYLOR.



MRS. J. N. TAYLOR.

boy. It was then that the frail little woman, who up to this time had been unusually sheltered from hardships, took up the burden of life and entered the business world with a determination that spelled success for her. Being an unusually sweet spirited woman of fine personality, strong force of character, and a sincere christian, she has made friends wherever known. A few years ago she accepted a respons-



THE FOUR TAYLOR BOYS.

JAMES BYNUM.

WILLIAM FEREE.

HENRY WALLACE.

JOSEPH MILLER.

ible position in the Methodist Orphanage, at Raleigh, N. C., which she still holds.

Henry Atwater, b. Mar., 1874; m. Annie Lutterlah. Chil.: Henry Lutterlah, b. May 4, 1905; Carney Washington, b. Jan. 19, 1907; Mary Della, b. Nov. 13, 1908; Annie Lutterlah, b. Mar. 14, 1913.

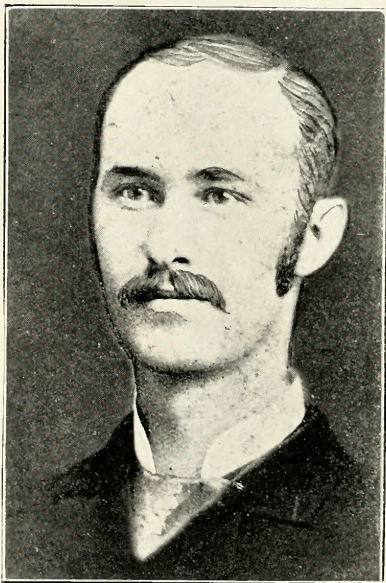
Mary Emma, b. May 9, 1876; d. Oct. 1, 1878.

Annie Bangs, b. May 1, 1881; m. Apr. 21, 1903, Dr. J. N. Taylor. They live in Graham, N. C. Chil.: James Bynum, b. Mar. 6, 1904; Wm. Feree, b. Feb. 26, 1905; Henry Wal-

lace, b. Mar. 25, 1909; Joseph Miller, b. Oct. 19, 1913. They have four handsome boys. There is hardly a happier home to be found, for the father and sons hold in high estimation this little mother who reigns with the sceptre of love. Indeed, she might be called a model wife and mother.

31. **John Nathaniel**, son of Jehiel, m. Jan. 3, 1883, Lillie Gannon. They live in Raleigh, N. C.

He is a man of unquestionable character, always standing firm for right and honorable living. In earlier life he lost one arm which



JOHN N. ATWATER.



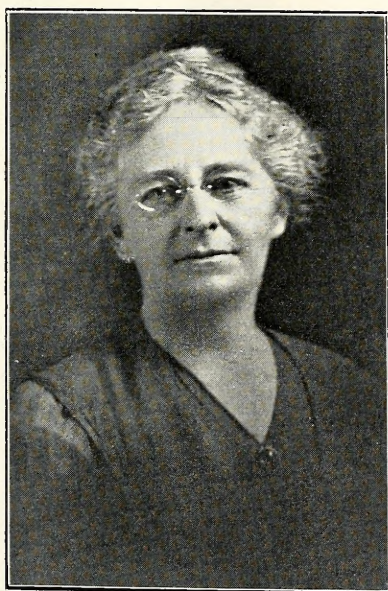
MRS. JOHN N. ATWATER.

has handicapped him along the line of life for which he seemed most fitted. Having been a salesman for many years he was always popular with his customers. He is a genial, cheerful Christian man, always fond of children and never failing to interest them. Mrs. Atwater, the eldest daughter of Rev. W. C. Gannon, of the North Carolina conference, is a graduate of Greensboro Collegē for Women. She is a woman of unusual intelligence and refinement, and a staunch Christian. She was a teacher before her marriage—and since her children are grown and all married, she has fallen

back to her first love, that of the school room. Her teaching is thorough and far-reaching, instilling in her pupils high ideals and illuminating the path of those in search of knowledge.

- 93. Mary Harris, b. Jan. 25, 1884.
- 94. William Briggs, b. Mar. 8, 1885.
- 95. Charles Bynum, b. July 22, 1887.

32. Martha V., dau. of Jehiel, m. Sept. 3, 1903, Rev. J. W. Jenkins of the North Carolina conference, M. E. church south. He



MRS. MARTHA V. JENKINS.

d. July 4, 1906. She was educated in Greensboro Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C. Throughout her whole life there was an earnest desire to do some kind of mission work. Discouraged by her friends on account of her delicate health the idea and ambition still clung to her. She felt that she must do something in a worth while way, as she walked along life's road. When, without any effort on her part, she was elected as first matron of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, N. C., she accepted, believing that her opportunity had come. Later, when she gave her hand in marriage to Rev. J. W.

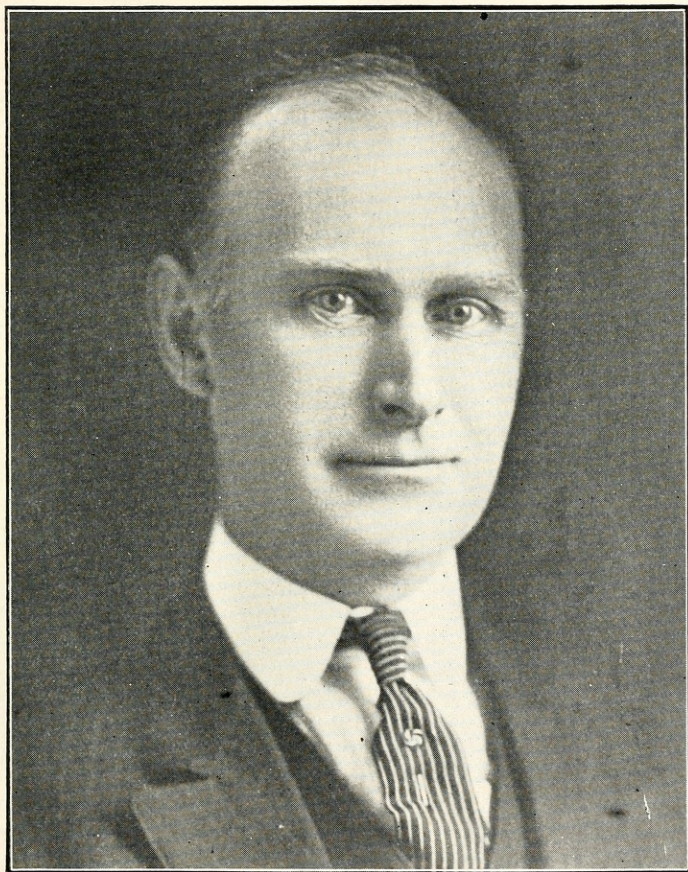
Jenkins, founder and superintendent of the orphanage, she knew that this was her life work, and together they worked with unceasing labor until, from a feeble beginning, the orphanage had grown into proportions that promised perpetuity. Then Mr. Jenkins laid down his beautiful life, and bound more closely than ever to the product of their united efforts, she has mothered the little orphan children who have been denied the love and care of fathers and mothers, and brought to them the light and joy of real home life.

Slight, small, frail in body, but great in soul, Mattie Atwater Jenkins has given her whole life for the happiness of others. With a sympathetic mind, a hand skilled in helpfulness, a heart that loves wisely, an unusual measure of ability in managing and controlling she has shared the hopes and heartaches of hundreds of boys and girls who delight to call her mother, and in whose lives "Miss Mattie" is a beacon light.

33. James Bobbitt, son of Jehiel; m. Nellie Eastwood Page. He is a farmer, merchant and cotton buyer. From childhood Mr. Atwater has been an indefatigable and conscientious worker. Handicapped by frail health in his early young manhood, he worked on amid difficulties. After taking a business course he became, when quite young, bookkeeper for the Odell Manufacturing Co. at his home. From that time on he has filled responsible positions in church, state and business, representing his county in the legislature and his church in every important position that a layman can hold. Not only is Mr. Atwater loved by his home people, but is respected and esteemed by all who come in contact with him. He is a man who has the courage of his convictions and while unusually sweet spirited, is still almost unshakable in his beliefs. There is nothing he will not do, no sacrifice he will not make to aid his friends.

He has been the leader in every movement looking to the uplift of his town, county and state. Mr. Atwater married Miss Nell Page, who comes of a distinguished and representative family. She is a cousin and foster sister of the ambassador, Hon. Walter Page. They have had eight children, four of whom are living. The oldest son volunteered in the world war.

He received an academic education in county schools in Chatham, and took a business course at Eastman National Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Spent most of his life at Bynum, his present home, serving first the Bynum Manufacturing Co., cotton manufacturers, as bookkeeper, later bookkeeper and general manager, for the J. M. Odell Manufacturing Co., operating cotton mill and



HON. JAMES B. ATWATER.

general store. Now engaged in mercantile business and operating roller mill and ginnery. In public matters he has served his county as county commissioner, member of board of education, representative in the state senate, member of the "Local Exemption Board," in 1917-'18 and "Chairman of County Board of Equalization," under "New Valuation Act," 1919. In church relations he belongs to Southern Methodist church, serving as steward, trustee, district steward, Sunday School superintendent and member of North Carolina Conf. S. S. Board. Like most of his kinsmen, he also owns a farm and delights in agriculture, hog and cattle raising.

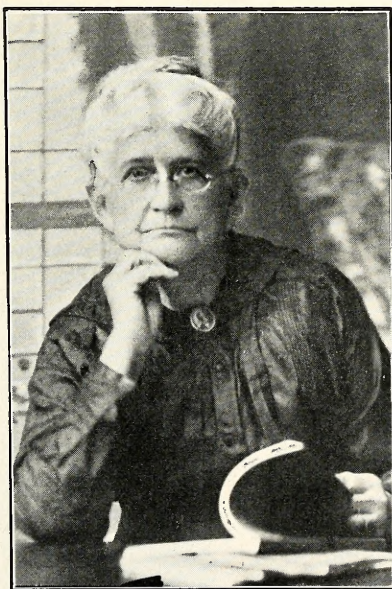
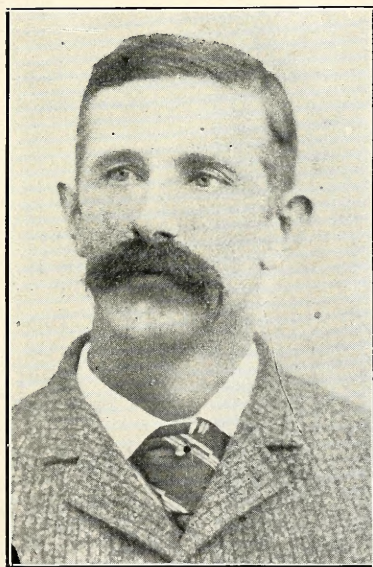
96. Frank Page, b. Oct. 7, 1899; in allied service at age 17.
97. James Warren, b. Jan. 1, 1901; d. July 16, 1901.
98. Warren Eastwood, b. Nov. 13, 1903.
99. Frances Louise, b. July 5, 1905; d. Aug. 26, 1908.
100. Margaret Reed, b. Aug. 28, 1906; d. July 6, 1907.
101. James Bobbitt, Jr., b. May 26, 1910; d. Sept. 13, 1910.
102. Robert Bynum, b. May 5, 1916.

FOURTH GENERATION

34. William Bynum, son of Matthew; m. June 1, 1870, Martha Helen, dau. of David and Eliza Clegg, b. Dec. 20, 1848. He d. Aug. 5, 1908. She lives at Teer, N. C. Thomas A. Atwater writes of him as follows: "For many years he was one of the community's leading citizen and a most successful farmer, living near his father's home in Chatham county. He united with the Methodist Episcopal church in early boyhood, at old Cedar Grove church, at which place he remained a consistent member the rest of his life; was for many years a steward and a faithful teacher in his Sunday school. He was of a jovial disposition, always looking on the bright side of life; beloved and respected by all who knew him. He was attending services at his church on Aug. 5, 1908, when the congregation was called to prayer, volunteers to ask God's blessings upon the meeting that day were called for. I think he was the second person to respond, and I shall always remember the last words he uttered at the close of his prayer when he said, "and may we all meet in heaven." He was taken violently ill and carried out of the church by myself and others. He died on the grounds in a few minutes, before the services of a physician could be had and was buried there the next day.

103. Dora Alice, b. May 7, 1871; m. Nov. 5, 1891, J. S. Morrow.

104. Lizzie Bynum, b. May 5, 1873; m. Dec. 24, 1895, A. L. Bell.
105. Emily Ruberta, b. July 26, 1875; d. May 8, 1885.
106. Mary Olivia, b. May 16, 1877; m. Jan. 2, 1901, Claude E. Neville.
107. Margaret Blanche, b. Feb. 20, 1879; m. C. H. Stroud.
108. David Marvin, b. Oct. 31, 1881; m. Oct. 18, 1906, Isma Andrews.
109. Carney Bennett, b. Sept. 20, 1882.



WILLIAM B. ATWATER.

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110. Flora Lerma, b. Oct. 10, 1884; m. Charles Lloyd.
111. Mattie Lillian, b. Oct. 24, 1888; m. Bruce Strowd.

35. Marietta, dau. of Matthew; m. Mar. 6, 1867, H. Clay Clegg.
Live at Moncure, N. C.

Edward L., b. Apr. 9, 1869; d. Aug. 4, 1877.

Emily E., b. Mar. 1, 1871; m. Nov. 17, 1889, Charles J. Knight.
Live at Moncure, N. C.

- Clarence B., b. Oct. 20, 1890; m. Dec. 20, 1916. Jonnievan Dittmar. Live at Fort Pierce, Fla. One son, Albert Charles, b. Aug. 30, 1919.
- Wallace B., b. Nov. 26, 1892.
- Raymond R., b. Dec. 26, 1894.
- James Ralph, b. Apr. 5, 1897.
- Mary Clay, b. Oct. 3, 1899.
- Frizelle L., b. Feb. 2, 1902.
- Emma Lee, b. Apr. 9, 1904.
- Mattie Edna, b. Jan. 9, 1906.
- Charles H., b. Dec. 8, 1908.
- Katherine L., b. Aug. 6, 1911.
- Swindell R., b. May 5, 1914.
- Elizabeth M., b. Apr. 17, 1873.
- Lois J., b. Dec. 26, 1875; m. Dec. 1, 1897, N. A. Perry. Live at Pittsboro, N. C. Chil.: Lorene, b. June 2, 1902; Mary b. July 5, 1907; Edwin, b. Feb. 15, 1912.
- Matthew D., b. Aug. 10, 1878; d. Feb. 5, 1879.
- Mary B., b. May 26, 1880; d. Feb. 12, 1885.
- Cornelia B., b. Mar. 18, 1863; m. June 29, 1910, Rev. F. S. Love. Went as missionary to Brazil; d. Sept. 13, 1916. Chil.: Cornelia, b. May 9, 1912; Mary Harvey, b. July 25, 1914.
- Olivia Lulu, b. Sept. 10, 1885; m. Dec. 26, 1906, W. C. Henderson. Live at Pittsboro, N. C. Chil.: Kiah, b. Feb. 23, 1908; Cornelia, b. Sept. 25, 1909; Grady, b. Dec. 25, 1910; Harry, b. July 4, 1912; Leon, b. June 28, 1914; Mary Atwater, b. Mar. 26, 1916; Lois, b. Mar. 21, 1918.
- Frank R., b. Jan. 28, 1888; m. Nov. 26, 1916, Lizzie Cole.
- Ernest R., b. July 18, 1890.
- Henry C., b. Sept. 8, 1894.

37. Sarah Elizabeth, dau. of Matthew; m. Dec. 20, 1871, John B. Clegg. They live in Moncure, N. C. He was b. May 20, 1850.

- Cornelia E., b. Sept. 17, 1872; m. Nov. 26, 1908, R. A. Speed.
- Nathaniel M., b. Jan. 1, 1874; d. Dec. 30, 1874.
- George W., b. Aug. 19, 1876; d. May 22, 1900.
- William F., b. June 10, 1878; d. Oct. 19, 1902.
- Robert W., b. April 18, 1880; m. Aug. 7, 1915, Ethel Peterson. One dau., Margaret Starr, b. Aug. 10, 1917.
- Maggiet W., b. Aug. 4, 1882; m. Oct. 18, 1905, Joseph W. Womble. Chil.: Mary E., b. Aug. 24, 1907; Samuel Baxter, b. Oct. 25, 1909; d. Nov. 13, 1909; Joseph Wilson, b. Jan.

29, 1911; Harvey Clegg, b. Feb. 15, 1913; James L., b. Apr. 29, 1915; Lois, b. Aug. 29, 1917.

Alvis B., b. Mar. 19, 1884; m. Feb. 7, 1915, Ollie Gunter. One son, John Carlton, b. Feb. 28, 1917.

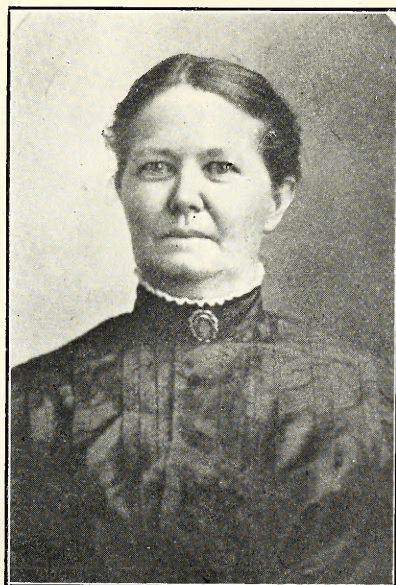
Mary E., b. Apr. 3, 1887.

Gracie I., b. June 20, 1892.

Thomas B., b. May 9, 1894.

38. Sophronia Ida, dau. of Mathew; m. Sept. 28, 1876, George T. Morrow, of Mebane, N. C.

Luther William, b. June 10, 1878.



MRS. GEORGE T. MORROW.

Myrtle Emiley, b. June 5, 1880; m. Nov. 22, 1910, Vance Sykes. One dau., Myrtle Ruth, b. Aug. 4, 1918. Lives at Savannah, Ga.

Clem Atwater, b. July 28, 1882; d. July 26, 1898.

Calvin Newton, b. Oct. 18, 1884; m. Oct. 8, 1912, Bonnie Moore. Live at Mebane, N. C. Chil.: Katherine E., b. July 5, 1913; Myrtle, b. Mar. 13, 1916; Wm. Henry, b. May 13, 1918.

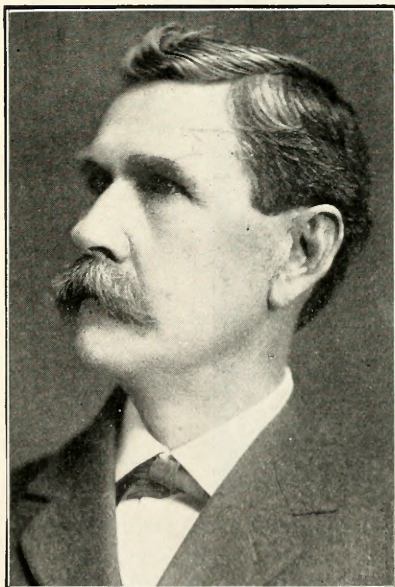
Thomas Lacy, b. Aug. 12, 1888; m. Aug. 25, 1917, Ethel Kilroy. In allied service in naval hospital, Norfolk, Va.

39. Martha Josephine, dau. of Matthew, m. in 1877, Robert G. Morrow. She d. Nov. 19, 1904. He d. Sept. 16, 1908.

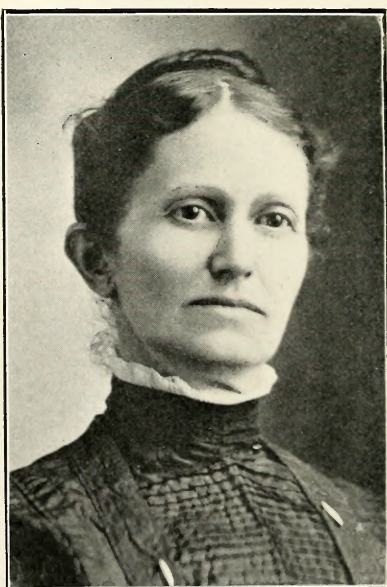
Jehiel B., b. Dec. 2, 1878; m. Dec. 12, 1906, Lillie N. Crawford. Chil.: Ada F., b. Nov. 6, 1907; Robert G., b. July 14, 1909; Herbert G., b. June 14, 1911; Ralph W., b. Apr. 6, 1914; Dwight M., b. July 8, 1916.

Ernest E., b. Jan. 18, 1881.

Mary E., b. June 28, 1883; m. Mar. 27, 1918, David Henry Stewart. Live at Whitsett, N. C. One son, David Henry, Jr., b. Sept. 28, 1919.



ISAAC W. PRITCHARD.



MRS. ISAAC W. PRITCHARD.

40. Emily Anzonetta, dau. of Matthew; married Isaac Walter Pritchard. He is a retired manufacturer and lives at Chapel Hill, N. C. He is respected in the community as an upright citizen and has a devoted family.

Mary Eleanor, b. Nov. 22, 1883.

Olivia Josephine, b. July 1, 1885.

Thomas Benjamin, b. Nov. 8, 1886.

Julia Maud, b. Dec. 6, 1888; m. Aug. 16, 1916, Arthur P. Bristow, superintendent of schools in Va.

Ada Geneva, b. July 7, 1891; d. Sept. 9, 1899.

William Grady, b. May 28, 1896.

Vera, b. Feb. 27, 1899.

Margaret, b. Nov. 4, 1901.

41. **Thomas A.**, son of Matthew, m. Nov. 12, 1890, Annie M. Siler, b. Jan. 21, 1869; d. Jan. 15, 1898; (2) Jan. 3, 1906, Isa F., dau. of James and Catherine Fulmer, b. Dec. 16, 1883. He was educated at the Thompson military school, Siler City, N. C., where he met his first wife. He settled on a farm, near his father's home in Chatham county, where he lived until the death of his wife. Leaving his children in the care of relatives he became traveling salesman for the Pomona Nursery of Greensboro, N. C. He canvassed Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Missouri, Louisiana and Arkansas and was very successful. After his second marriage he located in Yazoo City, Miss., but on account of the malarial condition, he returned to North Carolina. His father's death occurred two years before, so he bought the old homestead with two adjoining farms and has prospered ever since. He has seven sons living and is doing his share to perpetuate the family name. His post office address is Teer, N. C.

112 Samuel A., b. Sept. 13, 1891; m. Mar. 30, 1913, Lillian Lloyd. Two chil.: Clyde L., b. Oct. 2, 1914, and Annie L., b. Mar. 6, 1918.

113. William Guy, b. July 6, 1893; d. Mar. 15, 1902.

114. James Ralph, b. Sept. 27, 1895; d. Sept. 23, 1907.

Issue by second marriage:

115. Wade H., b. Oct. 4, 1906.

116. Martha A., b. Jan. 19, 1908.

117. Jeff D., b. Oct. 3, 1909.

118. Charles C., b. Mar. 11, 1911.

119. Thomas A., Jr., b. July 1, 1913.

120 Matthew W., b. July 10, 1915.

121. Herman C., b. Oct. 11, 1917.

122. Naomi Catherine, b. July 27, 1919.

42. **Margaret Lulu**, dau. of Matthew; m. Sept. 8, 1886, Rufus James Floy, b. Aug. 30, 1889; m. June 26, 1916, Nellie L. P. Womble. Live in Moncure, N. C.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS A. ATWATER.

McCullers. Live in Kansas City, Mo. One dau., May Atwater, b. Apr. 4, 1918.

Martha Roberta, b. July 27, 1892; m. July 23, 1914, Rev. E. C. Durham. Live at Goldsboro, N. C. Two sons, Ralph Kilgo, b. May 17, 1915; d. Oct. 11, 1916; Dwight Womble, b. Feb. 20, 1917; Ruth Arden, b. June 27, 1919.

Matthew Guy, b. June 20, 1901.

43. James M., son of Matthew, m. Lillian Anderson. He lives in Burlington, N. C.

123. Annie May, b. July 14, 1898.

124. Henry Anderson, b. Nov. 6, 1899.

125. James M., Jr., b. Jan. 6, 1902.

126. William Edward, b. Mar. 5, 1914.

44. Nellie A., dau. of Matthew; m. Jan. 6, 1897, Robert L. Paterson. They live in Greensboro, N. C., where he is one of the leading grocers.

Frank Atwater, b. Mar. 11, 1898.

Eugenia, b. Sept. 22, 1900.

Robert Houston, b. Nov. 19, 1903.

Mary Louisa, b. Mar. 6, 1910.

46. Thomas F., son of John F.; m. Nov. 25, 1886, Annie H. Pugh. He d. July 2, 1890.

127. Varnie L., b. Oct. 21, 1887.

47. Mary E., dau. of John F., m. Apr. 3, 1881, Thomas R. Cole; d. April 7, 1900; (2) Aug. 3, 1910, J. W. Elliott. Live in Mebane, N. C.

Julia, b. Mar. 13, 1882; m. June 7, 1906, Roy M. Brown. Chil.: Roy, Julia, Thomas and Francis Battle.

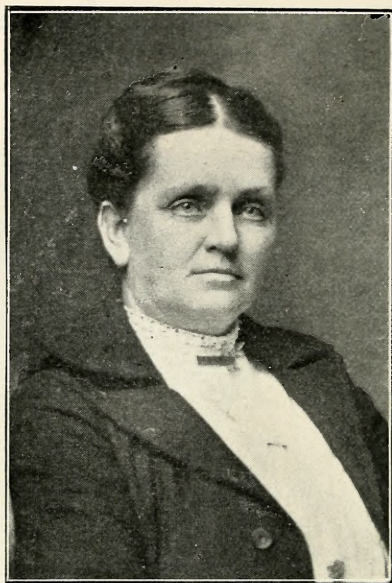
Mary Olivia, b. Dec. 17, 1883; m. Dec. 6, 1906, H. C. Elliott. Chil.: Horace C., Jr., Mary Louise, Rubie and Grace.

Rolah Ernest, b. Dec. 27, 1886; m. Apr. 12, 1906 Omega Dickey. Chil.: Lucille Roney, Rolah E., Jr., and Thomas Chessie

John Pendleton, b. Dec. 18, 1888; m. June 19, 1912, Sallie McCauley. Chil.: John P., Jr., and Virgilia.

Nellie Atwater, b. Apr. 26, 1892; m. Dec. 17, 1914, J. F. Spear. One dau., Louise.

Thomas R., b. Sept. 29, 1895. Served in allied service fourteen months in France.



MRS. J. W. ELLIOTT.

48. Margaret E., dau. of John F., m. Feb. 11, 1885, James Manly Durham. They live on a farm near Chapel Hill, N. C.

Carney E., b. July 12, 1886; m. Apr. 10, 1918, Louise Cramer. He is a bookkeeper and lives at Writhville, N. C.

Nora Devia, b. Sept. 5, 1887; m. May 3, 1908, Rev. Judson W. Hackney. She was educated at Littleton college. He is serving on the Micaville circuit in Yancey county, N. C.

Vira Elizabeth, b. Aug. 18, 1891. Is a nurse at Craymore Sanatoria, Black Mountains, N. C.

Samuel Rose, b. Aug. 22, 1895. Was in allied service in France twelve months. He was in several large battles, was gassed, and had influenza, but survived all and was discharged.

Carey Winston, b. Dec. 4, 1897. Student at Trinity Park, Durham, N. C.

Harvey I., b. Dec. 10, 1899. Student at Trinity Park.

Nellie A., b. Feb. 10, 1902; student at Business school, Durham

Lewis M., b. Oct. 28, 1906.

Grady Watson, b. June 28, 1908.

Paul Reed, b. May 3, 1911.

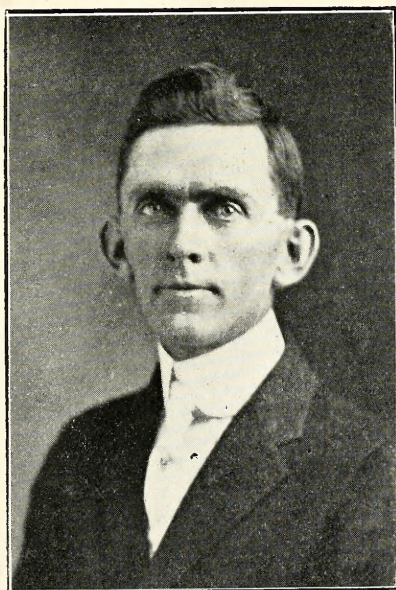
49. **Wilson Bynum**, son of John F.; m. Apr. 2, 1902, Lillie Lambeth. Live in Greensboro, N. C.

Julia Elizabeth, b. June 29, 1903.

Margaret Lee, b. Mar. 5, 1905.

John Lambeth, b. May 10 1908.

50. **Luther E.**, son of John F.; m. July 20, 1899, Mamie Garri-son. He was left an orphan when quite young, but with plenty

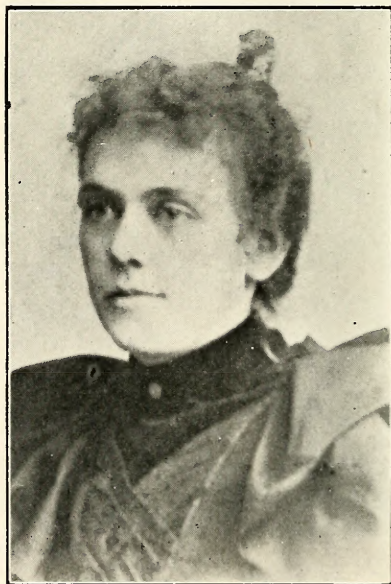


LUTHER E. ATWATER.

of vim and determination, he struggled with adversity, paying his tuition in the Burlington, N. C., public schools doing janitor work, then working in a store at small salary, and finishing his education at Oak Ridge Institute, where he again earned his way, acting as cook part of the time. He returned to Burlington, entering the employ of Williamson, Inc., wholesale grocers, one of the largest firms in that line in the state, at \$15 per month. He was vice-president, drawing as large a salary as any member of the firm when he resigned after eighteen years' service. He is now owner of a prosperous automobile business and the leader in his

line in Alamance county, handling the well known Ford car. He is popularly known as "Luke." He attributes a large amount of his success to his estimable wife, the mother of three boys and three girls, all living except one who died in infancy.

- 128. Annie Lea, b. Nov. 30, 1900.
- 129. John Wilson, b. Dec. 6, 1901.
- 130. Luther Edmund, b. Apr. 10, 1911.
- 131. Ruth Mae, b. Feb. 1, 1913.
- 132. Robert Nathaniel, b. Mar. 24, 1914.
- 133. Mary Tuttle, b. Sept. 24, 1916.



MRS. W. A. MAYNARD.

51. **Julia Olivia**, daughter of John F., married March 1895, Walter A., son of Wagstaff and Julia Rice Maynard, b. Apr. 12, 1863. He was reared on the farm and was being educated at Oak Ridge Institute when his father died and he had to leave school to assist his mother in caring for her younger children and to attend to the farm. From childhood a noble, good character was instilled in him and he has been an honorable citizen. They live at the old family home on the farm in Caswell county, N. C.

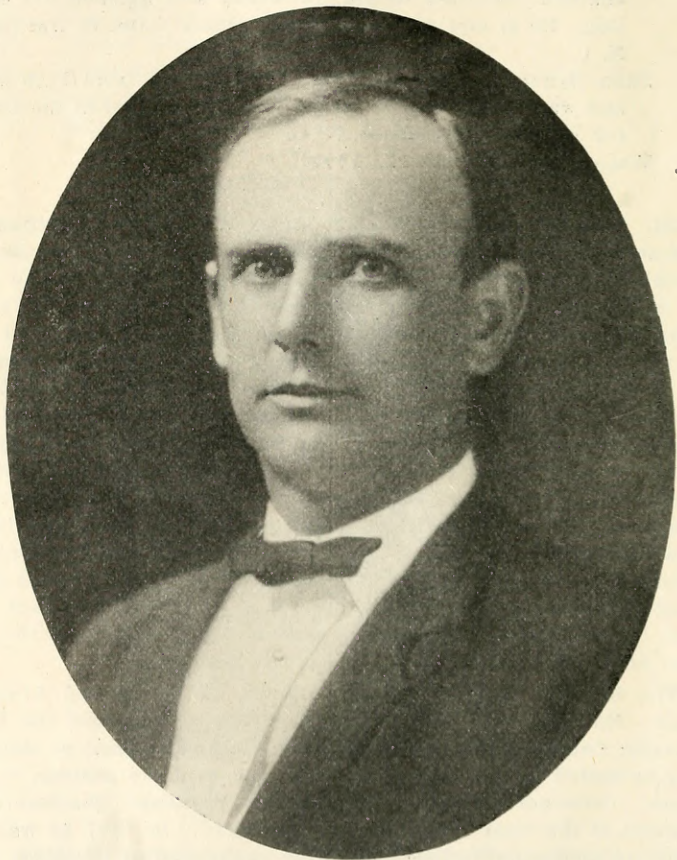
Reid Atwater, b. Sept. 24, 1896. In 1915 he entered the University of North Carolina where he remained three years, when he volunteered as an allied soldier. After six months' training he was commissioned second lieutenant. The war ended before he could be in active service. He was discharged, returned to the University and finished his education. He is now with the First National bank of Burlington, N. C.

Julia Bynum, b. Mar. 16, 1899. Graduated from high school and was a teacher for a while. Is now a student at the College for Women, Greensboro, N. C.

Walter, Jr., b. Oct. 22, 1909.

53. Colonel James R., son of James W., banker, manufacturer and state senator, was b. Aug. 16, 1872, in Thomaston, Georgia. In childhood and youth, Colonel Atwater's tastes led him to the study of literature, and especially history. He was never very strong physically, but was more inclined to remain indoors and read than to run out and romp with the other boys. He was a good student. At R. E. Lee Institute, Thomaston, where he graduated in 1890, he finished at the head of his class. Observing the restless and brilliant genius of his son, the father set himself to the task of training it in the right channels. He gave him small tasks to perform, partly to teach him the love of work and partly to keep him out of mischief. He took him into his private banking room and taught him the banking business. The son was active, intelligent and ambitious. It was natural for him to work. In fact, he could do almost anything he tried, except remain idle. There are many such men in the world—the restless, pushing kind. They are the ones who accomplish things, who “bring things to pass.”

The banking business did not occupy all of Colonel Atwater's time. He took some part in social matters. He joined the Upson Guards, Company H, Second Infantry, National Guard of Georgia; was promoted to the rank of Captain, and held the position for ten years. Governor Terrell appointed him Assistant Quartermaster-General of the state, with the rank of Major. In 1907 he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel as an aide on the staff of Governor Hoke Smith; then after serving on the staff of Governor Brown, is now a retired military officer with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He has been Mayor of Thomaston for nearly twelve years. For several years he served as a member of the board of education of Upson county. He is also past master of the local lodge of Masons, is a Shriner, and past chancellor commander of the local lodge of the Woodmen of the World.



COLONEL JAMES R. ATWATER.



MRS. JAMES R. ATWATER.

He was president of the Thomaston Cotton Mills in 1901 and the Odessa bank of Odessadale; vice-president Upson County Oil Mills, the Thomaston Cotton Mills (since 1901) and the Upson Banking and Trust Company which he founded in 1900. On account of ill health he retired from all these positions, except the Thomaston Cotton Mills where he is a member of the executive committee of the board of directors. Subsequently he recovered and is now in good health again.

He has a long military record. He was captain of "Upson guards," Co. H, Second Infantry, from Nov. 27, 1899, to July 28, 1906 major and assistant quartermaster-general, state of Georgia, July 28, 1906, to Oct. 9, 1907; lieutenant-colonel, aide-de-camp, staff of governor, Oct. 9, 1907, to June 24, 1909; again from Sept. 9, 1911, to Nov. 15, 1911, retired; lieutenant colonel national guard, retired, June 24, 1909, to Sept. 9, 1911.

On Feb. 14, 1917, he married Annie Elizabeth, dau. of Peter W. and Susan Reid Walton, of Madison, Ga. His wife comes from a long line of distinguished people, who are direct descendants of George Walton, signer of the declaration of independence.

52. Sarah Elizabeth, dau. of James W., b. April 25, 1852; m. Oct. 2, 1871, A. J. King. He d. Feb. 7, 1909. She resides at Culloden, Georgia.

Carrie Lou, m. Milton Rhodes, Forsyth, Ga.
 Ellis, m. D. I. Woodward, Culloden, Ga.
 Mary Edna, m. Roscoe Perdue, Macon, Ga.
 Aquilla Cheney, m. ———, Macon, Ga.
 John T., m. ———, Macon, Ga.
 Augustus R., m. ———, Macon, Ga.

53. Ada Bynum, dau. of James W., b. Oct. 3, 1874; m. Jan. 10, 1894, George R. Turpin. He d. Nov. ———, 1896. She d. Jan. 26, 1918. The children reside at Richmond, Virginia.

Eugenia Elizabeth, m. William Dabney, Jr., Richmond, Va.
 Francis Caroline.
 George R., Jr.
 James Robert Atwater.
 Cecil.
 Walter H.

55. Carrie Payne, dau. of James W., m. June 19, 1901, James H. Smith, vice-president and cashier of the Savings Bank of Griffin, Ga.

Antoinette Respass, b. Dec. 28, 1902.
 James Henry, b. Aug. 23, 1906.

56. Susan Eugenia, dau. of James W., m. June 10, 1903, William Parker Leonard (M. D.). They live in Talbotton, Ga.

Martha Eugenia, b. Sept. 9, 1904.

Carolyn Atwater, b. June 22, 1908.

William Parker, Jr., b. April 7, 1912.

60. Charles M., son of John W., m. Dec. 20, 1888, Savannah Isabella, dau. of C. H. Matthews and Frances A. Green, b. Apr. 7, 1859. He is a newspaper writer in Macon, Ga. Their three boys were all in the U. S. army fighting for universal freedom in 1918.

134. Martha F., b. Aug. 2, 1890; m. Dec. 20, 1911, Wily Harry Adams. They live in Dudley, Ga.

Charles Wyoreth, b. Dec. 17, 1912.

Phil Albilene, b. Jan. 6, 1914.

Wily Harry, Jr., b. Mar. 5, 1918.

135. Bennier M., b. Dec. 6, 1891.

136. Robert E., b. Dec. 30, 1893.

137. James A., b. Oct. 5, 1895.

62. George E., son of John W., m. Sept. 30, 1907, Mrs. Mattie Daniel Gober. He d. May 8, 1918.

138. Martha Carolyn, b. Sept. 14, 1908.

139. Walter Blanford, b. Feb. 23, 1911.

69. Hull Asbery, son of Thomas J., m. Nov. 25, 1888, Laura Rosilee Parks, b. Oct. 21, 1867; d. Feb. 19, 1903; (2) Sept. 5, 1916. Mrs. Daisy Backhouse, d. Feb. 28, 1907; (3) June 29, 1913, Minnie G. Simmons. Resides at Palatka, Fla. He held for years responsible position with the Wilson Lumber company.

140. Lena Pearl, b. Aug. 20, 1889.

141. Edmund Davis, b. Dec. 5, 1890.

142. Annie Laura, b. June 20, 1892.

143. Hull Alexander, b. Nov. 10, 1893.

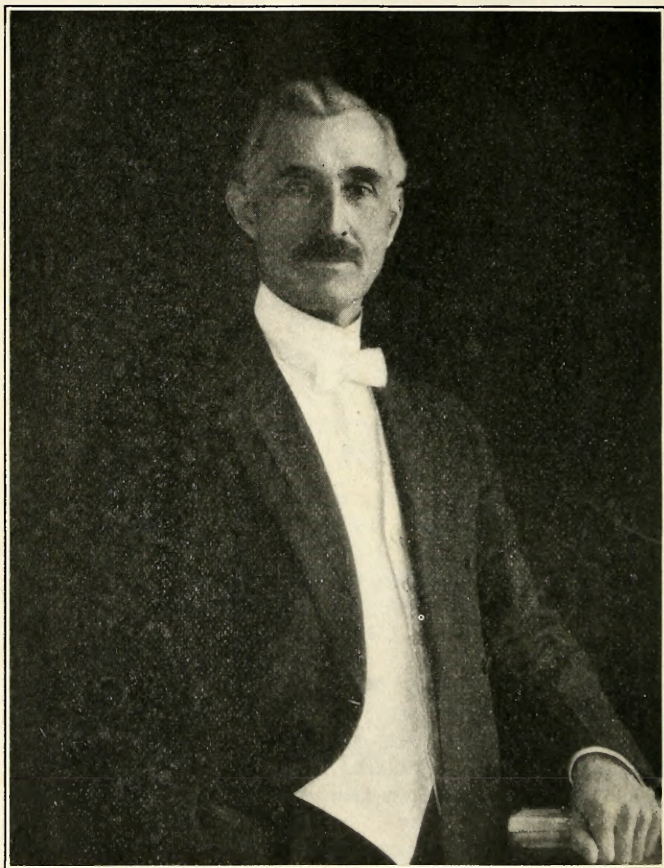
144. Hattie Howard, b. Nov. 10, 1893.

145. Bessie Clyde, b. Mar. 10, 1895.

146. Addie Lou, b. Oct. 10, 1896.

147. Iva Mae, b. Jan. 30, 1899.

148. Lester Hallie, b. Apr. 2, 1902.



REV. SAMUEL B. TURRENTINE.



MRS. SAMUEL B. TURRENTINE.

70. Ezekiel Robartus, son of Thomas J., m. Jan. 9, 1898, Blanche Perry, b. Dec. 7, 1870. They live in Andersonville, Ga. Three chil. d. in infancy.

149. Lois Adel, b. Jan. 28, 1902.

150. Viva Lillian, b. Jan. 1, 1904.

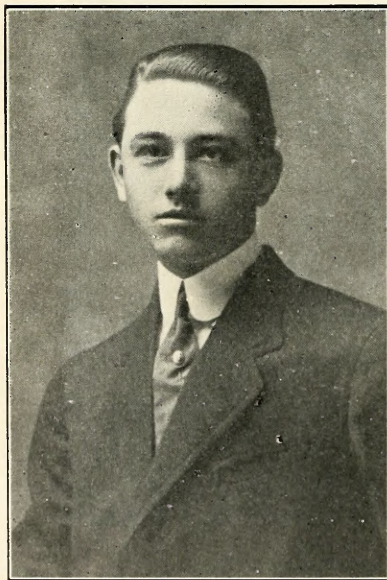
151. Falva Mildred, b. Dec. 21, 1911.

152. Emory Wilbur, b. Oct. 29, 1914.

72. Lenora S. *Grand daughter* *Daughter of Corney G. Atwater* *son of Jahaza* *of Jahaza* ~~Adan~~ of Jahaza, m. Jan. 4, 1888, Rev. Samuel Bryant Turrentine. She was educated at Greensboro College for Women.

(Greensboro Daliy News, Wednesday, March 19, 1913.)

Rev. Mr. Turrentine, now president of the Greensboro College for Women, was graduated with distinction at the University of North Carolina with the degree of A.B. in 1884, winning the Greek medal



S. B. TURRENTINE, JR.

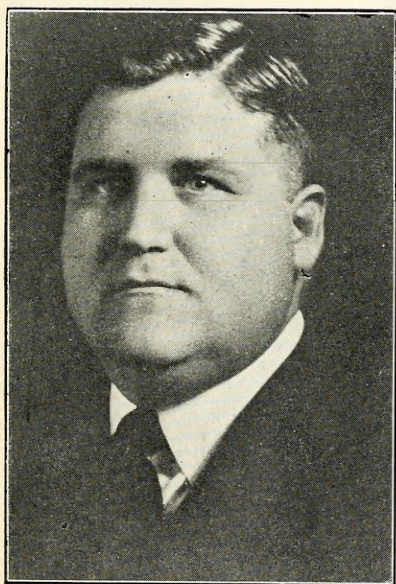


MRS. S. B. TURRENTINE, JR.

and the prize on moral philosophy. Upon finishing a post graduate course in moral philosophy, history and English literature he received the degree of A. M. from the same institution. Other edu-

educational training were a theological course in Vanderbilt university and a correspondence course in Hebrew in Yale and Chicago universities. The degree of D.D. was conferred on him by Trinity college.

Dr. Turrentine has had varied experience as a successful teacher in the state public schools and as teacher and superintendent in high schools. He was superintendent of Union Literary academy, Chatham county, when the school reached its highest stage of prosperity, including the music department and literary curriculum,



HARRY J. SIMMONDS.



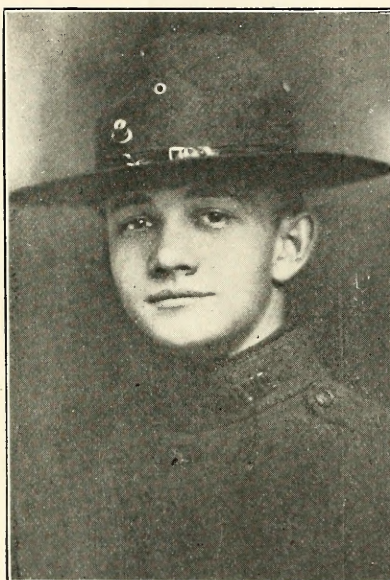
MRS. HARRY J. SIMMONDS

preparing young men and young women for college. He was associate principal of Institute, Cartersville, Ga., including literary, business, and music departments. He has been associated in conducting examinations for public school teachers, and when elected to the chair of Hebrew and New Testament Greek in Trinity college, assisted President John F. Crowell in revising the curriculum of the college.

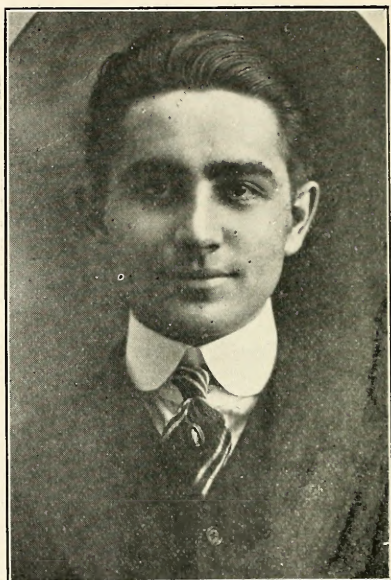
Dr. Turrentine has had a wide ministerial and administrative experience, his ministerial life embracing circuits, stations and dis-

tricts and constructive leadership and administration in various lines. His first charge in conference was King's mountain circuit, and he has served at Winston Centenary, Charlotte, Trinity and Greensboro West Market. As presiding elder he served four years on the Greensboro district and is now on the Shelby district.

During his ministry in Greensboro he was associated in leadership of aggressive campaigns over the state in behalf of saving, re-



JULIAN A. TURRENTINE.



WILBUR C. TURRENTINE.

building and endowing Greensboro Female College, including the raising of numerous funds for the institution. For the last ten years he has been a trustee of the college, and for the last twenty years a trustee of Trinity college, and has been actively associated in administering the affairs of these two institutions during the most crucial and constructive periods of their history. He has been an influential member of important boards and committees in church and conference work.

As evidence of recognized administrative capacity the following responsible positions, requiring constructive leadership, were tendered. The presidency of Trinity college at the time of Dr. Crowell's resignation, the presidency of Greensboro Female college, the

editorship of the N. C. Christian Advocate and the superintendency of the Children's Home. His children are:

Samuel Bryant, Jr., b. Dec. 9, 1888; m. Nov. 7, 1912, Lucy May Webb. He was educated at the high school in Greensboro in 1907. At this time he won several prizes as a short story writer and a scholarship to a college for making one of the highest records in his class. He is in business with the Majestic Range company of St. Louis, Mo. They have one son, Jack Webb, b. Aug. 19, 1913.



WALTER M. TURRENTINE.
(Now a Student in College.)

Annie Leonora, b. Feb. 28, 1891; m. Aug. 19, 1916, Harry J. Simmonds, b. Apr. 2, 1885. He is an architect. While incapacitated for active service during the war, he offered his services in an architectural way to his government. He did work for the naval base and the United States Housing Corporation at Norfolk, Va., until the end of the war. She graduated from the high school in Greensboro, N. C., and won a scholarship at Shorter College, Rome, Ga., then to a Metho-

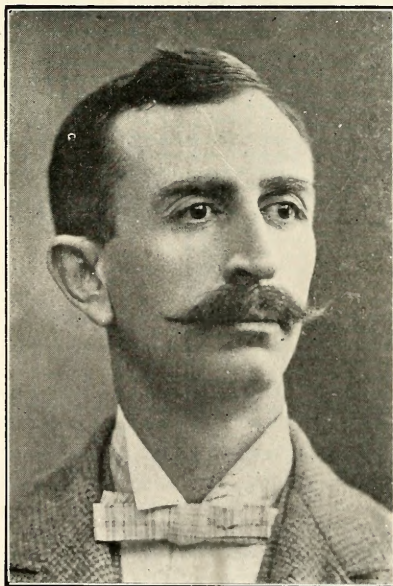
dist school, Randolph-Macon College for Women at Lynchburg, Va.; later to the Greensboro College for Women. Subsequently she studied voice in New York and in Minneapolis under Hamlin Hunt. They now live in Greensboro, N. C.

✓ Carney Gray, b. Jan. 5, 1893; d. May 9, 1894. *shabby, n.c.*

✓ Wilbur Clinton, b. Sept. 2, 1894. He graduated from ~~Schenck~~ high school and Davidson college, N. C., attended the New York School of Music and Arts and was associated with the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company and the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company of Minneapolis, Minn. He was in the allied service in France. He is now holding a responsible position with the former insurance company in Minneapolis.

✓ Julian Atwater, b. Dec. 4, 1898; student in Trinity College, Durham, N. C.

✓ Walter William, b. June 18, ~~1896~~ *1901*



OLIVER CLEGG BYNUM.

MRS. OLIVER CLEGG BYNUM.

73. Cara Julia, dau. of Carney C.; m. Jan. 16, 1890, Oliver Clegg Bynum, b. May 10, 1864. She was graduated from Greensboro (N. C.), Female College. He lives in Burlingame, Cal., and is

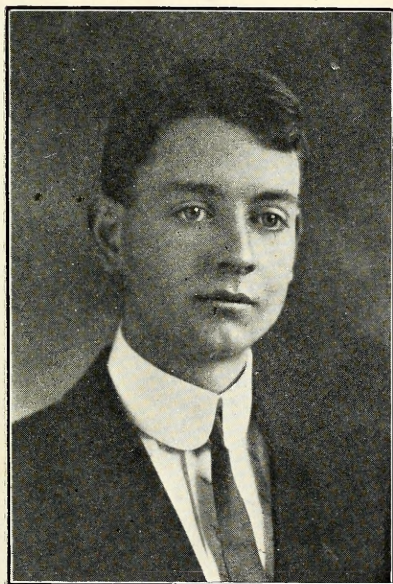
a commission cotton merchant of San Francisco. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He was his mother's only son and from his early life they were very companionable. He is a man of sterling principles.

Pierrie B., b. Oct. 9, 1891.

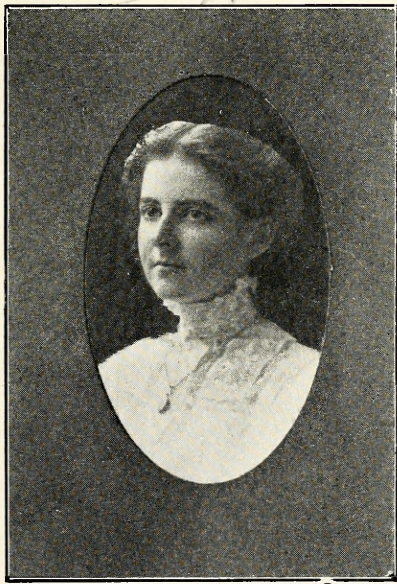
(Amy) Saphrinia Amelia, b. Jan. 21, 1894.

Olive S., b. Feb. 22, 1897; d. Apr. 30, 1899.

Preston Gray, b. Aug. 11, 1899.



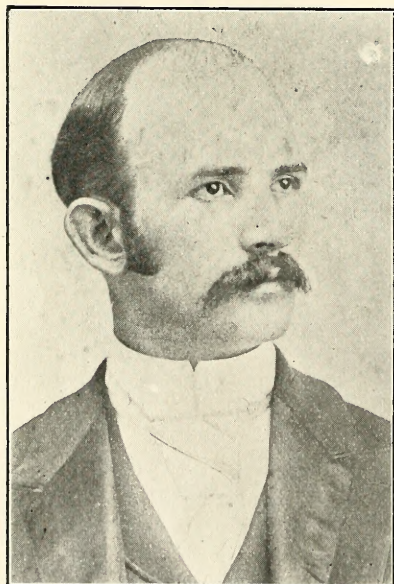
PIERRE B. BYNUM.



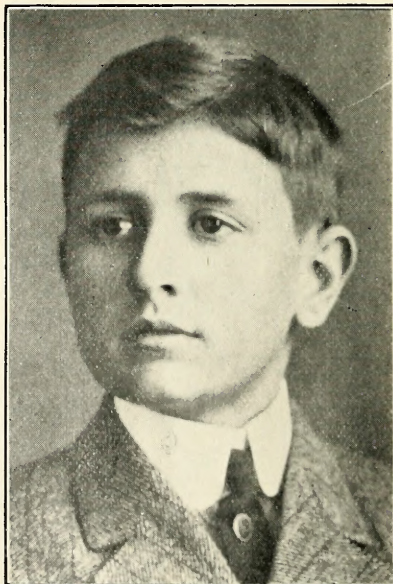
SAPHRINIA A. BYNUM.

75. Alfred Sidney, son of John Wilbur and Eugenia; m. Oct. 24, 1887, Cena A., dau. J. V. Roberts of Granville county, N. C. He was educated at the Hughes Academy and Bingham school in Orange county, N. C.; studied medicine at the University of North Carolina and graduated from the medical department of the Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tenn. He located at Knap of Reeds in Granville county, N. C., where he gained a lucrative practice. He died Dec. 11, 1902. He was faithful in every relation of life which he sustained. He was an obedient son, affectionate husband, compassionate father and sympathetic friend.

153. Garland Marvin, b. July 30, 1890; m. June 25, 1913, Celia Miltier Winslow. Have one child, Martha Larcena, b. May 17, 1917. He is a druggist at Washington, N. C.
154. John Graham, b. May 7, 1892; m. Dec. 18, 1913, Mary Pearl Bullock. He is a farmer at Stem, N. C. Chil.: Maude Vivian, b. Aug. 6, 1916; Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 22, 1918; Cena Estelle and Dena Mozelle (twin girls), b. July 16, 1919.



SIDNEY A. ATWATER.



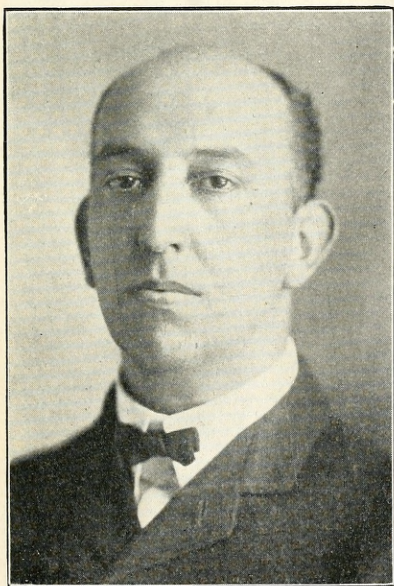
PRESTON G. BYNUM.

155. Alfred Sidney, Jr., b. March 29, 1894; m. Nov. 15, 1916, Sallie Sue Abernathy. Chil.: Alfred Sidney, Jr., b. Oct. 28, 1917; Carolyn Eugenia, b. Sept. 18, 1918. He is a traveling salesman and lives at Durham, N. C.
156. Hazel Blanche, b. June 17, 1898. She is a teacher and lives at Washington, N. C.
157. Robert Crawford, b. Oct. 5, 1900; d. Apr. 30, 1901.

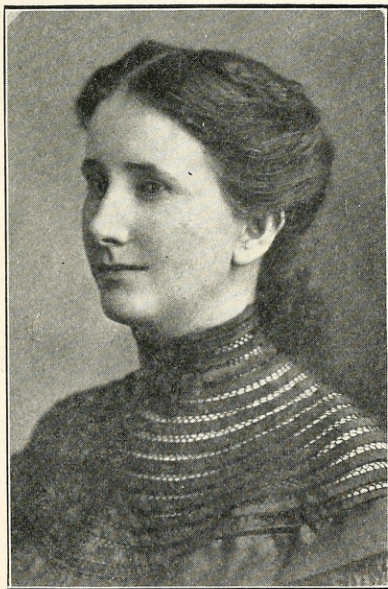
76. John Bunyan, son of John Wilbur, m. May 5, 1892, Burta Snipes. They live at Chapel Hill, N. C.

- 157. Roland L., b. May 11, 1894.
- 158. Sallie Ruth, b. May 9, 1897.
- 159. John Wilbur, b. Oct. 9, 1899.
- 160. Grace Snipes, b. Dec. 22, 1901.
- 161. William Paul, b. Sept. 12, 1904.
- 162. Hubert Lee, b. June 12, 1907.

77. Harriet Lee, dau. of John W. and Eugenia E., m. Dec. 30, 1897, Charles Joseph Gregory. Her mother died when she was very young. She spent the greater part of her childhood days with her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Stowd, Chapel Hill, N. C. She had private teach-



CHARLES J. GREGORY.

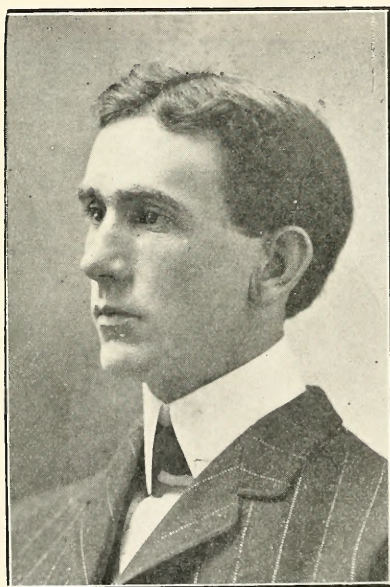


MRS. CHARLES J. GREGORY.

ers; went to the college at Staunton, Va. Mr. Gregory, son of Joseph and Rebecca, was born May 17, 1866. He is a direct descendant of Oliver Cromwell on his father's side, and Huguenots on his mother's side. Grandson of Thomas L. B. Gregory, editor and publicist. He attended Horner's Military school, Oxford, N. C.; graduated Bryant and Stratton College, Baltimore, Md. Taught four years at Oxford, N. C. Taught thirteen years in the Marianna public schools. They have lived all of their married life

in Ark. He has been engaged in mercantile pursuits, and as an accountant the greater part of the time. Served four years as city alderman and chairman of finance committee. He is fond of Masonry and is past master of Blue lodge and past eminent commander of Apollo commandery. He is lay reader in the St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Marianna, Ark. No children.

79. William Mebane, son of John Wilbur; m. Jan. 25, 1905, Ada, dau. of John B. Smith. He d. June 21, 1911. His child-

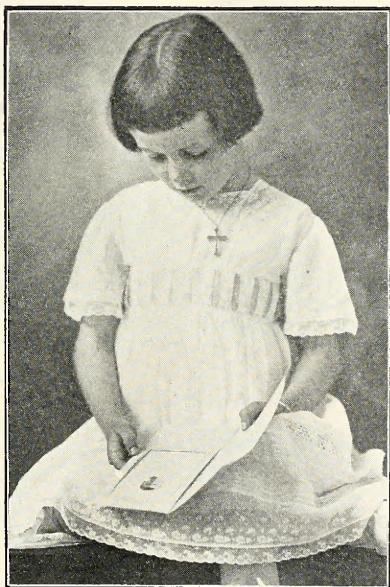


WILLIAM M. ATWATER. MRS. WILLIAM M. ATWATER.

hood days were spent on his father's farm in Chatham county. 'Twas here in a Christian home, surrounded by nature and her teachings that the foundation was laid for a sympathetic, loving, disposition that characterized his early manhood and grew with advancing years. When but a youth he connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal church and lived a life consistent with its teachings. Devoted to parents and loved ones he ever found in the home circle life's greatest enjoyment. Generous to a fault, the suffering or need of a fellowman always appealed to him sometimes before con-

sideration was taken for his own well being. No one standing in want before him was ever turned away empty handed. Seeking the good rather than the evil in all mankind, his motto in spirit was: Judge not that ye be not judged and love thy brother as thyself.

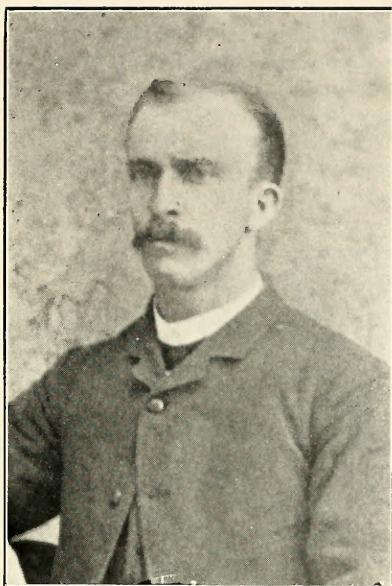
Mr. Atwater was in his thirty-fifth year and a young man who gave much promise in life. A student at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Raleigh, when war was declared with Spain, he



MARJORIE M. ATWATER.

was among those who answered the call for volunteers, and served until peace was declared. For several years he had resided in Arkansas where he contracted that dreaded disease, tuberculosis. Several months were spent in southwest Texas seeking to regain health. Later a course of treatment was taken at Chagmont sanatorium, Black Mountain, and normal health was apparently restored. Less than one month he was stricken with tubercular pneumonia, which was the immediate cause of death. He is survived by his wife, and one dau., Marjorie Mebane, b. Nov. 17, 1907.

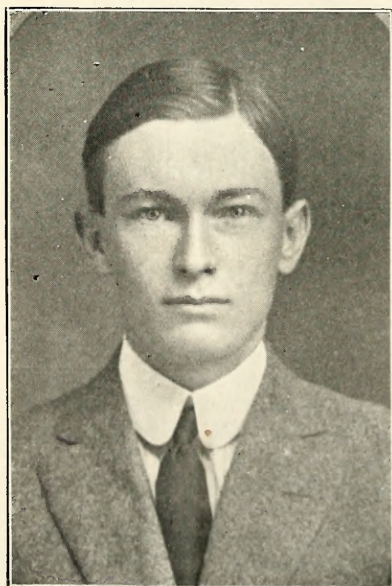
84. Mary Eliza, dau. of Edmund W., m. June 17, 1891, Prof. J. M. Turner. She d. May 2, 1912. He lives in Smithfield, N. C.



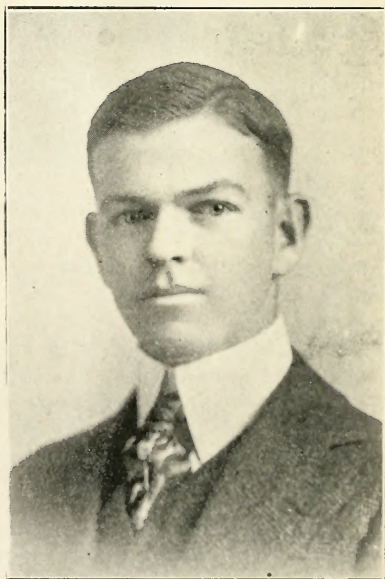
PROF. J. M. TURNER.



MRS. J. M. TURNER.



EDMUND A. TURNER.



W. DAVID TURNER.

Mr. Turner is a teacher, an upright, honest man in all his dealings. Mrs. Turner was intelligent, refined and very musical; was beloved by all who knew her. They had two sons, Edmund Atwater, the elder son, died soon after his mother's death. David, the younger son, lives in Raleigh, N. C. He is an attractive young man.

Edmund Atwater, b. Dec. 26, 1892; d. April, 1915, result of accident.

William David, b. Feb. 22, 1896. Lives in Raleigh, N. C.

84. Sallie Warren, dau. Edmund W., m. Dec. 30, 1866, Rev. R. B. John, a Methodist preacher in North Carolina. She d. Dec. 22, 1891.

Margaret Warren, b. Feb. 3, 1888; m. Dr. N. T. Howard of Southfield, N. C. One dau., Margaret John, b. Oct., 1907.

85. Julia Elizabeth, dau. of Edmund W., m. Oct. 16, 1897, Jas. W. Murray. He d. Jan. 15, 1915. She lives in Burlington, N. C.

Benjamin McBride, b. Dec. 18, 1898.

Louise Pauline, b. Jan. 23, 1901.

Dan Hugh, b. Jan. 27, 1903.

Mary Jane, b. July 4, 1904.

Margaret Atwater, b. Oct. 13, 1905.

Elizabeth Brown, b. Feb. 23, 1912.

89. William Anderson, son of Rufus Henry; m. Dec. 11, 1907, Dora Marsh Thomason. He is a traveling salesman and lives in Macon, Mo. He was educated at Trinity College, Durham, N. C., but with his parents and sisters moved to Missouri.

163. Cora Eugenia, b. Oct. 16, 1909.

164. Temperance, b. Apr. 12, 1912.

165. Page, b. Aug. 2, 1915.

90. Amma Frances, dau. of Rufus Henry; m. Jan. 7, 1890, Jarrold Major Johnson. He d. Dec. 12, 1914, aged 50 years. She lives a Chillecothe, Mo.

Albert Lander, b. Apr. 25, 1894; m. 1915, Florence Miller.

Three chil.: Wm. Howard, Ruth Elsa, Robert Lander.

Howard McConn, b. June 14, 1897.

Orian Virginia, b. Aug. 16, 1902.

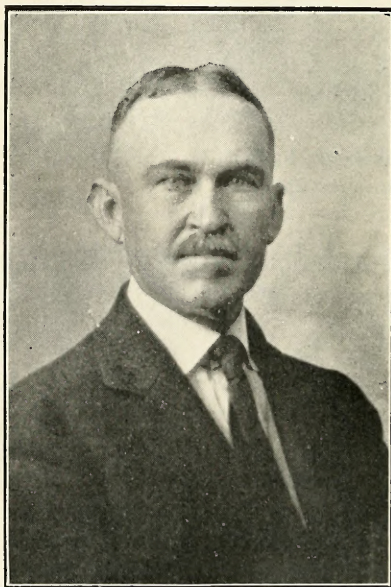
91. Lucy Warren, dau. of Rufus Henry; m. Aug. 7, 1897, Edward H. Jacobs. He d. Sept. 30, 1917, aged 50 years; (2) John Lewis. They live at Bentonville, Ark.

Reyburn Whitfield, b. Nov. 11, 1898.

92. Orian High, dau. of Rufus Henry; m. Apr. 3, 1912, Edward Cave. He d. Feb. 26, 1916, aged 52 years. She lives at Liberty, Mo.

93. Mary Harris, dau. of John Nathaniel; m. June 19, 1907, Aneas Wilton Barrett. They live in Conway, S. C.

Aneas Wilton, b. Aug. 7, 1910.



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94. William Briggs, son of John Nathaniel; m. Dec. 26, 1914, Mary Clarke. They live at Bynum, N. C.

166. John Nathaniel, b. July 27, 1916.

167. Charles Wilton, b. Feb., 1918; d. June, 1919.

95. Charles Bynum, son of John Nathaniel; m. Nov. 3, 1916, Sallie Belle Dillard. They live in Winston-Salem, N. C.

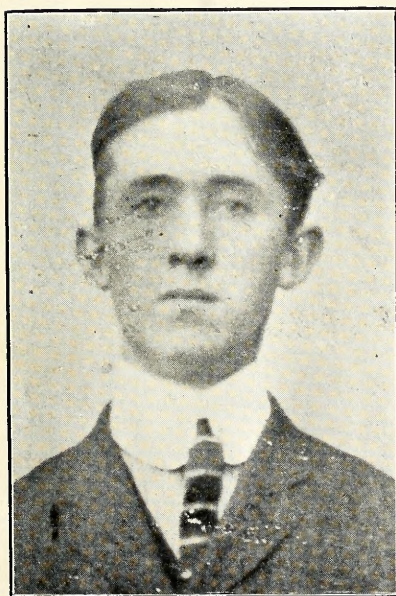
168. Charles Bynum, b. July, 1919.

103. Dora Alice, dau. of William Bynum; m. Nov. 5, 1891, J. S. Morrow. They live in Teer, N. C.

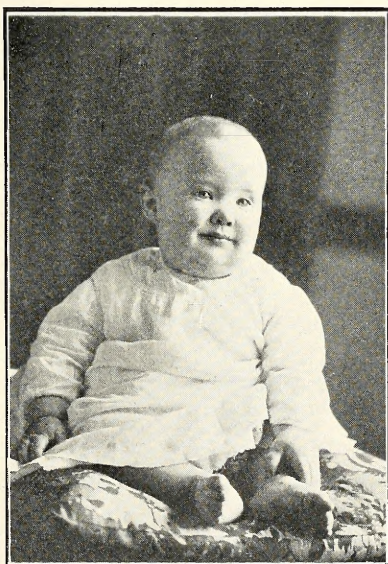
Robert Ethel, b. Mar. 20, 1894; d.

Franklin Carey, b. Feb. 28, 1897.

James Williams, b. May 28, 1902.



WM. B. ATWATER.



CHAS. BYNUM ATWATER, JR.
(Aged nine months.)

FIFTH GENERATION.

104. Lizzie Bynum, dau. of William Bynum; m. Dec. 24, 1895, Alfred Lemuel Balf. They live in Belhaven, N. C.

Alfred Lemuel Bell. They live in Belhaven, N. C.

106. Mary Olivia, dau. of William Bynum; m. Jan. 2, 1901, Eugene Claudious Neville. They live in Chapel Hill, N. C.

Margaret Louise, b. Jan. 27, 1902.

William Bryant, b. July 4, 1906.

Bynum Ellbridge, b. June 7, 1908.

Blanche Irene, b. Jan. 28, 1910.

Ralph Bunyan, b. July 2, 1911.

Eugene Claudious, b. Feb. 28, 1915.

Julia Helen, b. July 22, 1916.

107. Margaret Blanche, dau. of William Bynum; m. Feb. 25, 1903, Charles H. Strowd. They live in Frosty, N. C.

Charles Kennon, b. Nov. 30, 1903.

Bennette Rose, b. Dec. 27, 1906.

Martha Louise, b. May 11, 1911.

James Williams, b. June 6, 1914.

110. Flora Lerma, dau. of William Bynum, m. Jan. 12, 1908, Charles Lloyd. They live in Mebane, N. C.

Grady Eugene, b. Oct. 10, 1908.

Kemp Atwater, b. Feb. 7, 1911.

Helen Elizabeth, b. Aug. 22, 1913.

Dorothy Charline, b. Oct. 7, 1916.

111. Mattie Lillian, dau. of William Bynum, m. Oct. 26, 1912, Bruce Strowd. Live in Chapel Hill, N. C.

Robert Lee, b. Nov. 21, 1913.

Mattie Atwater, b. July 21, 1915.

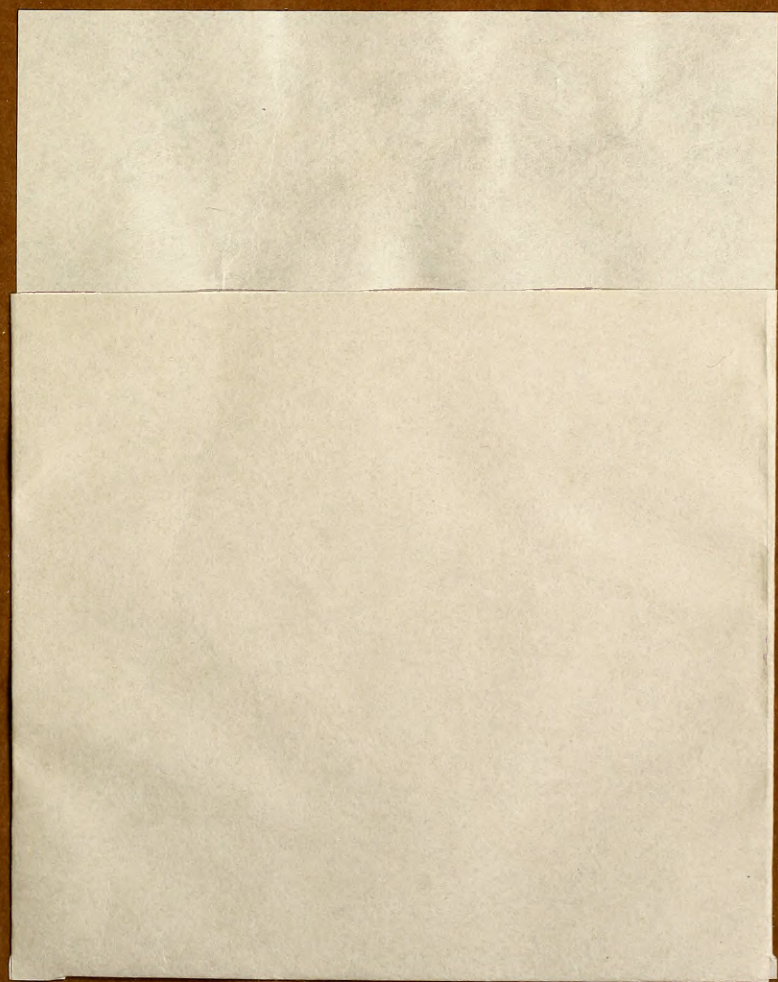
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